

**MINUTES** of a Committee Meeting of the Civic Trust held on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at the Town Hall, Burnley.

**Mr. E. J. Walton, (Chairman)** occupied the Chair throughout the meeting.

Before the start of the meeting, members were informed of the recent death of Mike Smith, Volunteer in bcthic.org, LFHHS, and veterinary of Cow Ark.

**PRESENT:** Mr. & Mrs. G. Birtwistle, Mr. E. J. Walton, Mr. R. B. Frost, Mr. G. Grimshaw, Mr. T. Mitchell, Mr. I. Emo, Mr. A. Hollis, Ms. N. Edwards, Mr. R. Crossley, Mr. P. Hornby, Mr. F. Bartram, Mr. & Mrs. N. Fawcett, Dr. J. Livingstone, Ms. S. Barker, Mr. N. G. Ashworth, Mr. D. Roper, Mrs. C. Stinton and Mr. R. Collinge.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Mr. D. Kilpatrick, Mr. A. Lucas, Mrs. J. Evans, Ms. C. Towneley and Mrs. R. Hay.

**Before the start of the business meeting, Mr. Gordon Birtwistle, former M.P. for Burnley and Padiham spoke in great detail about his life when the town's Member for Parliament. He afterwards answered questions from members and was thanked by the Chairman, Mr. E. J. Walton.**

There then followed a shortened business meeting.

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** The minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were agreed.

**MATTERS ARISING AND TASKS UNDERTAKEN AFTER LAST MEETING:**

- i. *Mackenzie Plaque:* Nothing new to report, but kept on file.
- ii. *Rochdale Town Hall Visit:* As yet, there had been no reply to the question of a Civic Trust visit.

**PLANNING MATTERS:** i. *New Road, Wind Farm, Cliviger:* The Chairman had reported that the Civic Trust supported the application.

**CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS:**

- i. *Street Statues:* The Statue, *Unknown Shoppers*, which used to be in the Market Square was suggested by BCT to be re-sited between Parker Street and Bankfield.
- ii. *Speakers:* A number of speakers were suggested for future committee meetings: Mike Smith on Imperial Ballroom, Nelson; Henry Nazareth-Kay of Padiham Park
- iii. The plan to develop a walk round the shopping area had stopped because the man in charge had walked out; assurances had been received that the work would be completed. The question of the position of images had still to be agreed. Bcthic would continue to offer assistance.

**GROT SPOTS:** Would be put on the next agenda.

**REPORTS:**

**FINANCES:** A report on the society's finances was presented by the Treasure, Mr. George Grimshaw. More money was due for work on other photographs.

**TREES FOR BURNLEY:** The group had planted 463 native broadleaf whips near houses at Lydgate off Balderstone Lane near the Recycling Centre and on another occasion 500 whips had been planted on land off Dryden Street in Padiham, adjacent to the old railway/greenway. The tree planting season had now finished and concentration would now be on maintenance jobs such as rhododendron and Himalayan balsam bashing.

**HERITAGE PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION:** Lots of people had donated photographs. The item would be put on the next agenda.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> MAY next at 7.00 pm. at the TOWN HALL, BURNLEY. The room had also been booked for the meetings on 5<sup>th</sup> June and 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

## CHAIRMAN

### Suggested Sites for Civic Trust Awards

1. Maiden Cross Restoration.
2. Cliviger Milestones.
3. Newtown Mill Restoration.
4. Bus Station Clock.
5. Lodge at Gawthorpe Hall.
6. Padiham Mural.
7. Wall on Accrington Road.
8. 156-160, Lower St. James's Street.
9. Ightenhill Park Volunteers and all the other Parks.
- 10.

N.B. This list is not definitive. If you have any suggestions, please send them to myself at [ramon37@talktalk.net](mailto:ramon37@talktalk.net) and I will enter them on the list.

### Blue Plaques

1. Sir Ron Greenwood (England Football Team Manager)
2. Ms. Betty Snowball, prominent sportswoman.
3. Starkie Arms, Padiham.

**Nominated Grot Spots – see previously issue summary**  
(if you want a copy emailed contact Chairman)

### CIVIC TRUST COMMITTEE 2022 – 23

Chairman:	Edward J. Walton (T)	Peter Hornby (T)	Carole Stinton (T)
Vice Chairman:	Roger B. Frost (T)	Geoff Ashworth (T)	
Treasurer:	George Grimshaw (T)	David Kilpatrick (T)	
Secretary:	Susan Barker	Neil Fawcett	
Asst. Secretary:	Ramon Collinge (T)	Marjorie Fawcett (T)	

### TASKS TO BE DONE BEFORE THE SEPTEMBER MEETING:

Chairman to write to *Landmark* regarding exhibition.

Mr. Ivo Emo to report on his talks with Rebecca Hay re. the inn sign at the Ram Inn.