

**MINUTES** of the Committee Meeting of the Civic Trust held on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at Burnley Town Hall.

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

**PRESENT:** Mr. E. J. Walton, Mr. R. Collinge, Mr. R. B. Frost, Mr. A. Lucas, Mr. A. Hollis, Mrs. C. Stinton, Mr. & Mrs. N. Fawcett, Mr. R. Crossley, Ms. N. Edwards, Mr. T. Mitchell, Mr. J. Livingstone and Mr. N. G. Ashworth.

**APOLOGIES:**

Mr. G. Grimshaw, Mrs. R. Hay, Ms. S. Barker, and Mrs. J. Evans.

Before the start of the business of the evening, Committee members were handed copies of the annual newsletter of SELRAP, (Skipton East Lancashire Rail Action Partnership).

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025 were approved.

**MATTERS ARISING:** None.

**A.O.B. MATTERS:** Notice was handed in of matters for discussion at A.O.B.

**PLANNING:** i. FUL/2025/0040: *Brennand House, Fraser Street; proposed change of use from warehouse to religious, praying and teaching facility and associated internal and external alterations.* It was thought that the building would probably be better maintained if an active company had it.

ii. FUL/2024/0258: *Land north of A6068 Padiham, BB12 8UE; erection of a 99.9MW battery storage facility with boundary fencing, landscaping and associated infrastructure.* The building was going ahead but we would have to wait for the application to be published before we could comment.

iii. FUL/ 24/0857: *Hunter's Holme Farm: Change of use of land to be used as a shooting club including formation of an Earth Bund at the end of existing track and creation of a car parking area on existing yard.* The development, on the Bronte Way, would create more traffic and noise. The committee would like to know if Ightenhill Parish Council took a particular view.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** In his report, the Chairman touched on the following subjects:

- i. The Chairman had delivered the latest minutes to the President, Mr. K.G. Spenser, M.B.E., and had found him in good health and spirits.
- ii. Mr. J. Pickup, a former motor car dealer, would be coming to talk to us at a future date. We had helped him with images for a talk he has recently given another group and he kindly made a donation to bethic funds.
- iii. Mr. N. G. Ashworth was thanked for organising the visit to New Town Mill in January.
- iv. The meeting agreed to set up a student membership of the Burnley Civic Trust with an annual membership subscription of £1.
- v. We had agreed to work with a Manchester based artist and hoped to hear from him soon.
- vi. Mr. Gordon Salthouse of Burnley Rotary had informed us that Lancashire Radio would be having an on-line service devoted to Burnley and this might have a role for the Civic Trust.
- vii. The Talking Newspaper was now using the Brian Hall and Roger Frost talks about the Leeds -Liverpool Canal.
- viii. Brian Hall's Estate: Details were given about Brian Hall's estate. We should be needing an accountant when any funds were received. The Chairman would contact one working at Kneeshaw Moffet's and would keep the committee informed of developments.

**CIVIC TRUST AWARDS:** Members were asked to visit each of the suggested sites on the list and grade each on a scale of deserved awards- 'Plaque award' 'Certificate Award' or 'Letter'- as was done in previous years awards discussions.

## REPORTS:

**FINANCES:** The Treasurer was nursing injuries and so could not attend to present his report. Accounts at Skipton and Lloyds were still in a healthy state. Some dollars received for help had been converted into sterling and payment received for a talk at the Library. The two subscriptions still outstanding are unlikely to be renewed.

**WEAVERS' TRIANGLE:** More work to start soon and finish before the May holiday. Security work was nearly completed and work would be done on two outside windows.

**ARCHIVES PROJECT:** Things were going along smoothly. A collection of old maps of Burnley, Nelson and Rossendale had come into our possession by donation through Roger Frost and would be sorted. An interesting file of photographs had been given to the group from Tony Mitchell – they were originally planning department negatives.

**PADIHAM NEWS:** A meeting had been held the day before: and the bandstand in the park needed repainting as well as other works. The bowling green had been closed and the building could be used for meetings. A fridge was needed for storage there.

### ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- i. The Strategic Plan was in fact 'The Long Term Plan'.
- ii. *Gawthorpe:* Mr. G. N. Ashworth spoke about a meeting he had attended at the Great Barn, Gawthorpe.
- iii. *Colne to Skipton Rail Link:* Mr. T. Mitchell spoke about the advantages that a re-opened railway line would bring to our area. It was suggested that the Trust should write a letter of support for the plan and perhaps make a financial contribution.
- iv. *Photographs:* The Burnley Express would like to visit and take photographs of the work being done at the nature reserve in Ightenhill, which Tony Mitchell reported upon.
- v. Grot Spots would be brought back to a future programme and the Chairman would write to the local press about litter in the town.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7 pm. at Burnley Town Hall.**

**CHAIRMAN**

COMMITTEE for BURNLEY CIVIC TRUST 2024/5

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