

Friends of Baildon Moor

Minutes of the committee meeting held on the 14th of July 2010 at Pickles Delicatessen, Baildon Towngate.

1. Members Present

- a) 9 members plus two guests from Baildon in Bloom: Wendy Shaw & Sara Clarke

2. Apologies

- a) received from Diana Lambert and Eddie Maison.

3. Education Update

- a) The joint education walk with Glenaire school was a big success
 - art work has been produced by the students which we will try to put on line

4. Fund Raising

- a) Waste bins and strimmer budgets have now been spent.
- b) Interpretation boards are the next priority for the group.
- c) The Parish Council will be contacted again.
- d) Bob has registered the FoBM with DIVA a local database for charities.
- e) Richard and David reported back from the Rombalds Forum that Baildon Moor is not within the designated Pennine Prospects funding area. By a bureaucratic whim, the line on the map excludes Baildon, but Bracken Hall is within the area. Bizarre! However bureaucracy has won the day, despite Baildon being the most utilised area of upland moorland in the country.
- f) Funding however is available for Archaeology works, and we have volunteered to help create content for information boards as part of that effort. Baildon Moor has a veritable wealth of history that needs to be brought to the public's attention.

5. Projects Update

- a) **Litter bins** – 3 large new bins have now been installed, these are three times larger than the predecessors that have been redistributed to new locations. Thanks again to Bradford Council and the Mechanics Institute who have helped in funding these with the FoBM !
- b) **Bracken** – A strimmer and associated protective equipment has been purchased
 - Richard Perham – will conduct strimmer training on Thurs 22nd of July at 1PM at the Countryside Service base at Baildon Barracks – contact Malcolm if you wish to take part.
 - First use will be in conjunction with BEES on Friday the 16th of July followed by the FoBM on Sat 24th of July.

- David Sturge has volunteered to form an interest group, please contact the FoBM using the email link on the web site if you wish to take part. David will get agreement from the Council before proceeding as to which areas to tackle and when.

6. FoBM Litter Clearing Event

- a) After the success of the last outing, another will take place on Wednesday the 21st of July in the evening at 7PM. This time we will tackle the area surrounding the top summit car park on Bingley Road. Please bring protective clothing, gloves and a mobile phone to stay in contact. Members of the public have noticed how clean the first area is and thought the council had done the work !

7. AOB and Actions

- a) BMX cyclists have been digging up bell pits below Dobrudden Farm. Members and local people have talked to the culprits and informed them that photographic and video evidence is in the hands of the police and we hope that has the desired effect.
- b) Baildon Scarecrow festival is fast approaching and Baildon in Bloom have suggested we enter a model ! Any artistic volunteers should make themselves known - perhaps a Bracken wicker man would be appropriate !
- c) The old pigeon loft on the bank that has been demolished is being converted into a garden. The plot has been there for a considerable time and the boundary has been checked and has not been extended.
- d) The group needs a shareable repository for photos and news – Elin has said she will set up a Facebook Group page that hopefully will extend our coverage also to more members of the public, and provide a repository for news and pictures.

8. Date for Next Meeting

- a) Next meeting in 5 weeks time – Wednesday 18th of August to be held at Pickles Delicatessen at 7PM.