

## Friends of Baildon Moor

Minutes of the annual general meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April 2010 at Baildon Link

### **No Members present**

**1. Number of Members present**

- a) 24

**2. Apologies**

- a) received from Mr & Mrs Ashton, Clive Bootham, Sarah Clarke, Mr & Mrs P Davies, Peter Hyde & Mr & Mrs Lawson.

**3. Review of minutes of meeting held on 24/02/10**

- a) The Minutes were read and accepted.

**4. Constitution of the Friends of Baildon Moor.**

- a) Malcolm Leyland read from section 3 paragraph of the Constitution to remind those present of the "Objects" of the FOBM. All present agreed with these Objectives.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

- a) FOBM now have a Current Account with Santander. We have received £220 in donations from Members and a Grant from the Shipley Area Community Chest budget.
- b) Our expenditure to present is £8.79 for stationary and stamps, leaving us with a present balance of £711.21.
- c) We have made an application to the Baildon Mechanic's Institute for any donation they are willing to give us and another with "Awards For All", from the "Big Lottery Fund" for £10,000 to help with the improvements to the path from the White House to Sconce.

**6. Rombald's Area Fund**

- a) M.L. made a request for a donation from the Rombald's Area Fund however it appears we are 1 mile out of the catchment area. Arnold Gill to contact the local MP regarding the matter. M.L. asked Dave Melling of Council why Baildon falls out of the boundary and was told that "the line had to be drawn somewhere!" Some debate followed by those present over the positioning of the Rombald's boundary. We are apparently part of the "South Pennine Area" and they have allocated some part of their funding for research into the history and pre-history of the moor and the coal mining that was carried out there. Mining on the moors was the most northerly coal found the east of the Pennine's.
- b) Dr Keith Boughey, a new member, has contacts with a Fiona Spears and he will contact her with a view to a possible future donation.

**7. Common Land Query**

- a) Diana Lambert asked how we could be allowed to carry out repair work on what she believed to be Common Land. She was told that the FOBM were set up to help maintain the Moors in conjunction with the Countryside Service under the Council's umbrella. Bradford Council actually owned the Moor's, having purchased them in 1899 (Roger L'Amie).

## **8. Voting of FOBM Committee**

- a) Voting was carried out. All positions were voted for without question and the results are as follows:
- Officer's - 3
    - Chair            Malcolm Leyland
    - Secretary     David Rose
    - Treasurer     Bob Green
  - Committee - 10
    - Rachel Coates, Richard Freeman, Arnold Gill, Heather Hows, Diane Lambert, Mike Lawson, Elin Pheasant, Andrew Pickles (Deputy Secretary), David Sturge & Vicki Sykes

## **9. West Yorkshire Police**

- a) Caught 2 people riding Motorcycles off road on the Moors and are due for prosecution in the near future. The "Quad" rider has as yet eluded arrest and the Police would appreciate any information on the rider.
- b) Members reported that thieves have recently stolen a quantity of Yorkshire stone from a barn adjacent to the Golf course. It was also noted that a number of farms in the area have suffered from the same fate. The Vicarage on Browgate has also had stone stolen.

## **10. Acre How Cross**

- a) The original site of the Acre How Cross is still been investigated and the possible use of Geophysical equipment to try and find the site was discussed with the Time Team's name been mentioned.

## **11. Education Up-date**

- a) M.L. wrote to both Head Masters of The Church School and Sandals offering to take parties of schoolchildren and their teachers onto the Moors to show them exactly what history is on their "doorstep". Mr Curtain of the Church School, is extremely enthusiastic about the project and willing to discuss the opportunity of organising such a trip. However, despite a follow-up telephone conversation with the secretary of Sandals School, who informed M.L that the Geography teacher had been informed, nothing further had come out of this. It was suggested that Glenaire and Hoyle Court Schools may also be receptive to the chance of one of the Moor trips.

## **12. Any Other Business**

- a) Frank Baildon has organised an 8¾ mile walk along the Baildon Boundary Way for the 7th of May 2010. He intends to set off from the Bracken Hall Centre, meeting at 10.15, for a 10.30 start. He has also written a small book on the Baildon Boundary Way and they are available at £2.00 a copy with proceeds going to Marie Curie Cancer care.
- b) Rachel Coates said she had had words with a group of mountain bikers who had cut across one of their meadows. She pointed them onto the direction of the Baildon website for further information.
- c) The Mountaineering group are planning to have a rubbish sweep of Baildon Bank which falls under part of Baildon Moor.
- d) Dr. Keith Boughey, a new member, introduced himself to those present and offered any

assistance that he can give to the group. He is currently employed on historical research of Baildon Moor and quoted John La Page's work and the 1846 Survey published maps which show historical field systems. He is working on the fact that there is proof of late Bronze or early Iron Age civilisation from around 2,500 years ago, in the area to the east of Dobrudden. He has a contact working in "Natural England" and confirmed that they are soon to be conducting a field survey on Baildon Moor and are planning a new network of access paths on the Moors.

- e) On a personal note, DR thanked Andrew Pickles for covering the secretarial duties during his post operative recovery.

### **13. Next Meeting Date**

- a) It was decided that a Committee meeting will be held before the full meeting on 5th of May, at 19.15 for a 19.30 start. The full FOBM Meeting will be held the following week on the 12th of May, again at 19.15 for a 19.30 start. Both meetings will be held in the Town Gate Rooms, with thanks to Mrs Andrew Pickles. Car parking is either at the Ian Clough Hall car parks.