

Friends of Baildon Moor

Minutes of the meeting held on the 24th of February 2010 at Baildon Link

1. Apologies

- a) received from Mike Lawson, David Rose, Richard Freeman and Paul Marfell

2. Treasurer's report by Bob Green

- a) Bank account in place and current account balance is £220
- b) Community chest donation of £500 is due shortly

3. Fund Raising

- a) Bovril Great Outdoor fund – FoBM within the top 100 the cut off date is the 28th of February
- b) Baildon Mechanics Institute has been approach – awaiting response.
- c) The Pace charity fund can be contacted now that the FoBM is established
- d) Tracey Gray has kindly offered to assist in fund raising and raising enough funds for the FoBM to become a charity status (£5000).
 - Tracey requires a wish list to target prospective funding bodies and commercial organisations.
 - Grassroots Funds and Heritage Lottery Funds are the initial targets
 - The Friends of Ilkley Moor will be contacted to assist with the formalisation of standards and procedures.
- e) Bradford Council is currently seeking an Environmental Stewardship agreement with Natural England for habitat improvements that covers the Rombalds Moor area which will help with additional funds.
- f) Once the FoBM has been established a year – the fund raising will become easier. The date of the inaugural meeting was the 20th of April 2009, so the group are approaching the anniversary shortly.

4. Projects Update

- a) The work for the path to Sconce has been costed by the Countryside Commission as £10,000 (plant and equipment £6.4k and labour £3.6k) which is less than expected.
- b) Litter bins – Bradford Council has agreed to ½ fund any bins which will cost £300 each. Key areas include the top car park and at Acre Howe where litter provision is very poor at peak times. Dog litter will be allowed if they are for general waste also, which is a particularly bad problem. The public are picking up dog litter but dumping bags which is a worse problem than dog fouling in the first place in many respects.
- c) Acre Howe Cross – members have narrowed down the location of this ancient monument to two possible locations using old maps of the area. The cross was demolished 160 years ago and some of the stone work was re-used in the construction

of the Baildon Moor reservoirs. Originally used as a meeting place for travellers and a place where people left food for the victims of plague. No record of the physical appearance of this historic monument dating from the 14th century have been found. A modern day example was shown to the group from Ilkley Moor.

- d) Education – the headmasters of the local Primary Schools have been contacted, (Baildon Church School and Sandal Primary School), to offer educational services to complement the school curriculum, but the FoBM have not had a response yet.
- e) Bracken – Baildon Parish Council have asked Bradford Council's Countryside Commission for a bracken control plan. At present trends the plant will take over the whole moor in another generation if left unchecked.

5. FoBM Constitution

- a) The steering committee will transition to a fully democratic formal committee at the next meeting to legitimise the voice of the group and aid transition to charity status smoothly.
- b) The next meeting will include the vote for the permanent committee – details to be circulated following a review of the FoBM constitution by the steering group.
Action: Malcolm (acting Chair) to set out procedures and time scales.

6. Any Other Business

- a) A request was made to post the FoBM constitution on the web site, which was approved.
Action: Andrew Pickles

7. Date for Next Meeting

- a) Provisionally Wednesday the 24th of March in one months time which potentially will be a special meeting to vote in the permanent committee.