

Cragg Vale Community Limited Annual General Meeting 27th January 2016

Held in the Robin Hood Inn, Cragg Vale, 7.15pm

Present: Judith Schofield, Marianne Hood, Shirley Daniel, Kevin Cutts, Brierley Hellowell, Nick Murphy, Jackie Scarf, Roger Pugh, Barrie Boon, Steve Marchant, Angela Marchant, Jude Hamlin, Jane West, Pete West, Sharon Le Corre, Vernon Le Corre, Damian Smith, Tony Sutcliffe, Lynda Sutcliffe, Sue Whitehead, Kendrick Whitehead, Jonathan Emberton, Carol Wolstenholme

Apologies: Hugh Morgan, Scott Trickett, Jane Leary

1 Welcome and Introduction

Judith Schofield, Chair, welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting and thanked everyone for their support throughout the previous 12 months, with particular thanks to Pete West who had sorted out our website for us. Thanks were also given to all the local businesses, schools, and organisations who had supported and sponsored our activities and projects, with thanks to both Hebden Royd and Calderdale Councils for their grant aid.

2:Directors' Report

Copies of the Directors' Report were circulated to everyone present. Marianne Hood, Company Secretary gave a brief overview of the numerous activities over the past 12 months. In addition to the regular events such as Spaw Sunday, Treasure Hunt and Bike Fun 'n Games, the big project was the development and installation of the set of 6 Heritage Trail Story Boards unveiled on 2nd July. The Boards were developed with financial aid from Calderdale and Hebden Royd Councils and from Craggs Energy and practical assistance from CROWS, the History Group, Pennine Heritage and children from the Steiner School and Cragg Vale School who produced some of the pictures on each board. Once again a 'Festival of Lights' and 'sing-a-long' session was held and these seem likely to become regular fixtures in our calendar. Thanks were again given to Carol Wolstenholme and to the Steiner School for their help with the singing and especially to the children from the Steiner School who are now helping to maintain our Community Garden. The other continuing activity was the traffic campaign, we are awaiting a response from Calderdale Council to our formal comments on the 20mph speed limit proposal and our petition which was presented to the Council by Cllr Simon Young.

3: Finance Report

Copies of the Financial Statement to date and the Financial Report and Accounts for our year ending 30th September 2015 had been produced by Shirley Daniel, Treasurer, and were circulated. Details were given of the grants received from Calderdale and Hebden Royd Councils and sponsorship and other donations. The accounts had been audited by WYCAS and it was agreed that they should be appointed again for 2016. There were no questions, everyone was very satisfied with the details.

As Shirley had announced that she would be retiring as Treasurer but remaining a Committee Member, a formal vote of thanks was proposed and unanimously supported by all present. Nick Murphy agreed to be Treasurer for 2016.

4: Appointment of Committee/Directors

Details had been circulated of the Current Members of the Committee. Two members, Jackie Scarf and Brierley Hellowell, were required to retire at this AGM as they had served longest since last being appointed. Both confirmed their willingness to be re-appointed and were duly proposed, seconded and unanimously re-elected. Hugh Morgan had reluctantly tendered his resignation and this was accepted by the Chair. Hugh had been a valuable member of the

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Committee since the development of the Association and will be missed. A formal Vote of Thanks was unanimously supported by all present. One new proposal for Committee Membership had been received for Pete West. He was formally proposed by Kevin Cutts, seconded by Nick Murphy and unanimously elected to the Committee

5: Special Resolution to amend the Articles of Association

Details of the proposal to amend the constitution had been circulated to everyone in Cragg Vale in the Winter Newsletter and in the calling notice delivered to all residents prior to the Annual General Meeting. The change is proposed to seek to enable Cragg Vale Community Limited to become registered as a 'Charity' following advice from the Charity Commission.

Details were circulated to everyone at the meeting and the following Special Resolution was formally proposed on behalf of the Committee by Marianne Hood as Company Secretary:

SPECIAL RESOLUTION to amend the Objects and Powers in the Memorandum and Articles of Association of Cragg Vale Community Limited

Resolution 1: The Directors propose the current 'Objects' listed from b) to f) shall be deleted as 'Objects' and listed as 'Powers' as detailed below

Resolution 2: The Directors also propose that current Object e) should be amended to delete reference to preserving Cragg Vale as a conservation area and to read instead: 'Promote and protect the unique character of Cragg Vale'

OBJECTS

The object of the Organisation shall be to:

Promote and safeguard the interests of the inhabitants of Cragg Vale without distinction of age, sex, sexual orientation, race, disability, or of political, religious, or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving the quality of life for all members of the community

POWERS

To promote its objects but not for any other purpose, the Association may:

(b) Stimulate public interest in the area of benefit, being the village of Cragg Vale and surrounding areas in the Cragg Vale Valley and provide networks, forums and other mechanisms for members and other individuals to enable them to share information and experience and to disseminate information about new initiatives

(c) Improve the amenities and public spaces within Cragg Vale

(d) Promote road safety for the community and its inhabitants

(e) Promote and protect the unique character of Cragg Vale

Note: *If this change is accepted, all the following Clauses listed as 'Powers' in the Articles shall be re-numbered to continue from (e) above*

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The amendments were taken as two separate Resolutions. Each was formally moved by the Company Secretary and seconded by the Chair. The members present voted unanimously, with no abstentions, to accept the changes. The meeting was properly quorate according to the Rules and the change to the Constitution was therefore formally carried.

6: Proposals and Priorities for Action in 2016

Following a discussion it was agreed that events in 2016 should include another Treasure Hunt, the Spaw Sunday celebrations, Festival of Lights and Sing-a-long and the development of a Calendar for 2017 based on the Heritage Trail Story Boards, possibly with proposals for further Trails to be developed by the History Group.

One of the members present gave details of the activities being planned in Hebden Bridge and Mytholmroyd to raise funds to aid the flood relief schemes. There are plans to hold an 'alternative Christmas' six months on from the Boxing Day floods to have a celebration for everyone who had their Christmas ruined by the floods. It was agreed that Cragg vale Community Limited should support and publicise the activities.

The AGM closed at 8pm to enable people present to enjoy the buffet and take part in the Cragg vale Quiz, organised by Jonathan Emberton. The Quiz was very enjoyable and a Vote of Thanks was given to Jonathan who agreed to organise another quiz in the future.