

Minutes of BUSCA AGM 25.05.22 Navigation Inn 7.00pm

Trustees Present: Judith Rodgers, David Rodgers, Fiona McReynolds, Chris Bates, Ceri Fairbrother, Eluned Webb, Ann Higgins, Steven Crossley, Betty Turner, Nicola Noble.

Members Present: Andy Northcote-Smith, Catherine Holmes, Robert Holmes, Abi Crossley, Sue Hobbs, Alan Willcocks, Karisa Kremar, Kathryn Timmons, Anna Field, Roy Bird, Keith Butler, Gaynor Barton.

Apologies: Trustees: Brian, Val, Craig, Helen, Frances.

Non-trustees: Sally McHale, Lin, Ed, Graham.

JR – Introduction. Passing BUSCA on to younger generation.
50th year of BUSCA – will be celebrated.

Introduced Fiona.

JR – Apologies.

Circulated paperwork. Paper copies are available.

JR – are the AGM minutes a true record? Ceri proposed, seconded by Steve. All agreed.

JR – any matters arising, from AGM minutes? Nope

JR – Item 5.

Accounts 2021.

DR – Calendar year 2021 – Examiners report. Paragraph – “I have no concerns”. Accounts have been given a clean bill of health.

Summary – page 4, General account – income of £7000.

Carried forward £28,000.

Designated funds – BATS – income of £748 – balance of 9, 040

Heritage – little movement

Comm. Building – during pandemic – insurance was paid out of this.

Twinning – no movement.

Websites – money going out.

Library – Balance £27000

Keith – Comm building fund – £11000 – is there any plans for money? DR – it is designated for comm building, trustees can change designation.

JR – trustees haven't discussed change of use or project.

Lin – Proposal to take forward comm building in a staged way. Talk about at trustees meeting. Lin hopes the money will be used for Comm building.

DR – talks in other places for Comm building.

Keith – if money not used for comm building – can other groups use money for projects.

DR – sensitivity needs to be used to apply for use as money was raised for comm building. It could be used for the library if agreed.

JR – annual report 2021, forward plan and budget for 2022.
BUSCA is it's subgroups.

JR – general comment – subgroups were active despite lockdown. It was amazing the amount of things happening within subgroup over lockdown.

Pg 10 – special projects. Summary of what we aimed to do and what did happen and forward plan for 2022. It is brief as we are still feeling our way out of the pandemic.

JR asked for questions.

Alan – library report for last year. Pg 5. The extension of the library was possible the option for the comm building. Alan does not agree with the cost making it unfeasible. If we consider that £80000 is extortionate then, it will be more in the future. 50% increase in space is not trivial. Alan believes the lease of the library was the issue not the cost. Application for lease is in now in . Eventually we will get a new lease, and then the library can get funding, It is an important project and will remain so,

JR – asked if Alan would like to reword before report becomes public.

DR – suggest that we can't change report but it will be recorded and the way it was received is recorded.

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Trustees.

JR – read out the trustees.

Ann asks to retire after 50 years. JR thanks Ann for her service and her dedication throughout the years. Thank you.

JR – no formal nominations for others. Everyone happy to do a block nomination? Alan seconded. All in favour. No against. No abstentions.

Anyone who would like to become a trustee or join meetings?

Fiona has someone who would like to join.

No one else.

Election of officers.

JR standing down.

Frances – president – she would like to carry on being president, but would willingly stand down.

JR proposed Frances – Betty seconded – all in favour. No - No

JR nominated Fiona to become chair – Frances nominated and seconded by Ceri. All in favour.

JR stood down. Thanks

FM – vice chair – Nic. Ceri proposed – Steve seconded = all in favour.

Treasurer – proposed by JR seconded Betty – trustees all in favour.

Minute secretary – proposed Ceri by Fiona – seconded by JR all in favour

Membership secretary – Lin – proposed by Fiona, seconded JR – all in favour.

Abi – invited formally to all trustees meeting.

Appointment of examiner – John Beaumont – Fi proposed , JR seconded – all in favour.

Where is BUSCA today?

JR – Reiterated again that we do need more trustees. The jobs need to be distributed evenly. All the jobs were absorbed by Judith. Not fair for Fiona to carry on doing them. Help is needed. JR assumes that existing trustees won't want to do more. Younger trustees need to be found to manage jobs. All subgroups have their own roles – we are all very productive, but they are supported by the trustees. The charity need to be managed and dealt with, DR does this, we also have to comply with the law. The function of the trustee body is to create policy and keep within the law. JR organises insurance for subgroups. JR coordinates between subgroups. Publicity needs to be covered by a specific person. We need to attract young people to be trustees. Please support Fiona, so that she can keep BUSCA alive and kicking.

FM – Think of it as support BUSCA moving forward. Fi will do what needs to be done – we need to support BUSCA, not Fi.

Subgroups

Trustees to give overview.

BATS – Abi.

YT are doing Legally Blonde – on in November at Humphreys – 85 to audition.

Cast of 55. Performing at the Jubilee Fete next weekend.

Panto will start up in the Autumn. Fundraising - £255 raised so far to go towards paying Humphreys.

JR British Gypsum donated £2000 to Legally Blonde.

Steve - £500 for script deposit. 4 performances of Legally Blonde.

Murder Mystery

Steve – Helen is planning a live MM in October at HP school.

Alan – date is 1st October. Photos 8th June. £450 for Humphreys.

Barrow Voice

Karisa – Summer issue is put to bed.

Autumn issue is being planned.

DR – finances. During the pandemic getting advertisers was a difficult job and Judith was struggling – this has turned around. Enough money for next 3 additions. JR carrying on in advertising role. There is also someone who has shown an interest in this role and JR has met with her a couple of times. So far so good.

JR – Advertising – remarkable that people have come back to want to advertise.

Events

Anna – need help for stall manning on Saturday 4th.

No new names put forward. Chris Bates to talk to Anna.

Heritage - Kathryn

Quiet over past years – covid.

Website is being updated constantly.

John Nurse has provided separate space on website for storing info on the board school.

Constant plea is for storage for all Barrow records accumulated over 20 years.

PC have made a nice display for jubilee and past celebrations.

Lin – 50 years of BUSCA. Researched into the history of BUSCA. 2 strands to the wording for pamphlet/book. Visual for website. Hoping to have a celebration evening in November.

LIBRARY

Alan – Annual report and forward plan – last point – CIC in own right, general view is not at this time. Complication is the extension and the lease. For the time being they have dropped CIC.

Forward plan – air source heat pumps working well since January.

Solar panels – technical problems – flat roof, not easy to put on – roof structure not strong enough.

The air source heat pump and solar panel project comes from money from the county council – Jelson development money. Being paid for by the developers in the village.

Keith – Library is now making a profit again, hiring is at pre-pandemic numbers.

Twinning

Kathryn – trip to Marans in 2 weeks. Would like some younger members.

Would like to keep it going.

Alan – to go to France with Twinning – you don't need to speak French!

Websites

Keith – 5 different websites that are all ticking along nicely.

John Nurse would like to step back from websites.

Keith needs some help.

Barrow Voice advert to help keep websites running as not a one person job.

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AOB

Closed meeting.