



## Friends of Honley Library

### Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016

**Present:** Joe Hodgson (Chair); Caroline Page; Margaret Waterworth; Nita Steel; Jenny Bagworth; Linda Sharpe; Jenny Lockwood; Carrie Birch; Judith Compton; Val Javin; Pat Thompson (minutes)

#### 1. Apologies:

Cllr. Charles Greaves; Bridget Crabtree; Anne Broadbent; Liz Colquhoun; Val McAvoy; Stephen Dufton; Stephen Baggot; Neelam Randhawa

#### 2. Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising:

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.

**Update re. Eaves and Spouts** - We are delighted that this work has been completed earlier than expected and it has greatly improved the appearance of the library. Caroline has now emailed a letter to Neelam regarding the state of the windows and has asked her to forward it to the appropriate department. Caroline will keep pushing this and will feedback any developments.

**Children's Summer Activities** – These have been well attended and have gone very well. Carrie said that evaluation forms completed by participants were very good and everyone said that they would like more Author Visits. The activities have been well received and have drawn a lot of interest and support from other libraries and local groups. The Volunteers are looking forward to arranging more events during future school holidays, possibly starting with the half term break in October. The Village Trust has given a donation towards this.

Jenny L. said that it might be worth contacting Annabel Pitcher, a local children's author, and suggested making links with the 'Children's Bookshop' at Lindley and also 'Nichols' in Denby Dale and 'Waterstone's'. Authors may do events more cheaply if they can have a display of their books within the bookshops. We discussed using Hope Bank for larger events and developing partnerships with other venues but agreed that it was important to ensure that the events were tied in with Honley Library.

Carrie will do some more work on the evaluation of the activities and give feedback at the next meeting. She has over £300 towards the cost of future children's activities at present and will give the actual total at the next meeting.

It was suggested that we look at the possibility of having an annual subscription to FOHL help raise funds. Before going ahead, we need to be clear about the reasons

for this and discuss it with Charles Greaves. We will also discuss it further at the Development Planning Meeting.

**Advert in Honley Feast Programme** – Pat T has sent the advert design in to the Business Association. We will have a quarter page advert for FOHL signposting where to go for further information.

**Louise's Leaving Do / Pop-up Cafe** - This went very well with 230 people attending, according to the automatic counter on the door. Louise was given a card and voucher for IKEA from FOHL and Volunteers, a poem written by Anne Broadbent and cards and flowers from individual members of the public. Louise presented FOHL and Volunteers with a biscuit barrel and a cake tin and thanked them for all their support and friendship. The Pop-up Cafe received £46.55 in donations for refreshments.

**Year Planner** - Carrie has spoken to Neelam about this. There is currently no space in the office but Neelam is trying to sort things out to make more room. We could perhaps do a list of upcoming events on an A4 sheet and put it on the notice board in the library area. Joe said that he would ask Steve D if he could put the information onto the website.

Jenny L has emailed Felix to see if he would provide some new shelving for the office/kitchen. Val J said that if Felix could not do the work, she could suggest someone else to ask. It was also suggested that we might approach Dixon & Franks for new carpeting.

### **3. Events**

An Events meeting was held on 25th August to discuss plans for upcoming events in detail. Thanks to Judith for taking the minutes. Future events are as follows:

**Golcar Readaround** - Friends of Golcar Library have sent an invitation to everyone to their Readaround on Friday 16th November at 7.00pm. Anne has invited particular poets but anyone is welcome.

**Holmfirth Readaround** – at Holmfirth Library and Information Centre (first floor) on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 6.00 – 8.00pm.

**The Christmas Readaround** - will be on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 7.00 - 9.00pm and will feature '8 in a Bar' from Honley Male Voice Choir. Tickets will be £2.50 and we will give a donation to Honley Male Voice Choir.

**Kirklees Curiosities** – Carol Hardy will present this amusing event on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September from 1.30pm to 3.00pm. Posters are now ready for display throughout the village and surrounding areas. There will be a £2.00 charge, payable at the door, which will go to FOHL funds. It was agreed to present Carol with a bouquet of flowers.

**McMillan Coffee Morning** - will be on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October from 10.00am to 12 noon. Any donations towards a Raffle and a Tombola would be welcome and can be brought to the September Readers Group or to the library on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Cakes may be dropped off at the Library on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

**Book Sale and Coffee Morning** – will be on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October from 10.00 to 12 noon at St Mary's Parish Rooms. Books can be dropped off at Jenny's house or at the Library (ask Val to ring Jenny to collect them). Bric-a-brac can be brought to the Readers group on 12th October or the next FOHL meeting. Pat will send out a reminder about the sale the week before.

**Honley High School Christmas Fayre** – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November from 12 noon to 4.00pm. The stall has been booked and will be staffed by Friends and Volunteers in 2 hour blocks. A number of good ideas for the stall were discussed at the Events meeting, including a Treasure Hunt for teenagers. Caroline has done a brief history of Honley Library to give out and will take some of her books to personally sign and sell. Plans will be finalised at the next Events meeting.

Judith will design a simple research questionnaire to give out at this and other events, so that we collect information about what the Community likes about the library and what developments they would like to see in the future.

**Library 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – Caroline has met with Kathleen Dyson, who has discussed her memories of the early days of Honley Library and will come to the event. At present there has been no response from the piece in the Honley Flyer. Caroline has done a draft of the display but still needs to do some work to complete it. If anyone would like to contribute anything for the display, please contact her. She will collect the display stand on Thursday and would like to donate £10 for the loan of it. It was agreed that this would be paid from FOHL funds. We also agreed to pay the £5 charge to view the archive plans for the building of the Library. Caroline will take photos of the plans for the display. She has a pre1950's photo of the library and Margaret W has one that might be earlier than that and also a photo of the Town Hall.

Jenny B asked if it would be possible to record Kathleen talking about her memories and perhaps build an audio library of memoirs of Honley for the Library. Carrie said that she would be willing to do this but, after some discussion, it was agreed that we would ask Brian Haigh, who has a knowledge of local history, which would help to focus the interview.

Peter Marshall is leading a walking tour of Honley on Heritage Day this weekend, which Caroline will attend. She will ask Peter if he would be willing to do another one for FOHL.

The date for the unveiling of the 80th Anniversary Display is Saturday 5th November, following on from the Pop-up Cafe, from 12 noon to 2.00pm. Jenny B and Margaret W are organising a celebration cake decorated with a photo of the library.

It was agreed that we would ask people as they came into the library if they consented to having their photo taken so that we could keep a record of the event.

Invitations to the event will be sent to Honley Civic Trust, Honley Business Association, the Civic Society, Kathleen Dyson, Neelam Randhawa, Mark Redman and Louise.

**The next Events Meeting will be on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 10.00am at the Gallery Cafe.**

#### **4. Treasurers report**

Joe reported that we have a total of £510 – 82 in the bank, £150 of which is linked to future children's activities. He also has £47 – 60 in petty cash.

Carrie said that she would clarify how much she has left from donations for children's activities and will give this to Joe.

We will discuss grant funding opportunities at the Development Group meeting, e.g. Kirklees and parish Councils, Common Good Trust, One Community Fund. Val J said that she knows of other bodies/organisations that might be worth looking into. If anyone has any ideas for children's activities, author visits, please let Carrie know.

#### **5. Website Group**

Steve has not had any response from his email. Carrie asked if the website should reflect our broadening out and working together with other organisations, schools etc. This might also be helpful when applying for grant funding, identifying the library as the hub at the centre of the community

#### **6. Joint Development Plan**

The development group meeting is on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September, from 10.00am to 1.00pm at Judith's house. We will discuss the aims of FOHL and Volunteers; where we are now and where we would like to be in the future; evidence base for future plans and how this links with the library service.

People attending this meeting are Judith Compton; Jean Kent; Caroline Page, Val Javin; Steve Dufton and Pat Thompson. If anyone else is interested in joining the group, please contact Pat for Judith's address.

#### **7. AOB**

**National Libraries Demonstration** – in London on 5<sup>th</sup> November. Pat will forward an email from Jane Mellers with further details of this and who to contact if you are interested in attending.

**Gaps in Volunteer Rota** – Carrie will have a look at the rota and email details of gaps to volunteers. At present we have 15 active volunteers and should really be recruiting more. Carrie has discussed this and also the glitch in the rota system, which needs to be reviewed.

**Date of next meeting:** Due to a number of people being on holiday, the next meeting will be on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 6.00pm at Honley Library.**

Apologies: Val J. Jenny L. Judith C.