



Friends of Honley Library

Minutes of meeting on Monday 1st November 2016

Present: Joe Hodgson (Chair); Caroline Page; Margaret Waterworth; Nita Steel;; Anne Broadbent; Jenny Lockwood; Linda Sharpe; Steve Dufton; Neelam Randhawa; Judith Compton; Alison Dean; Fiona Sharp; Jenny Bagworth; (Minutes)

Apologies:; Pat Thompson; Carrie Birch; Liz Colquoun

The Chair introduced Fiona Sharp to the group who in turn introduced themselves individually.

2 Minutes of last meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and read by those present, agreed and signed.

Windows.

It is unlikely that the windows will be replaced.

NR is awaiting a report from Robert Crossland regarding the repairs needed to the windows and will forward this to CP who will in turn advise FOHL.

Tubs

MW sent an email to The Village Trust asking who would be responsible for replanting the tubs. MW was advised that they would be very grateful if FOHL took responsibility for those outside the library. MW recruited help from JH and PT and they were replanted on 25th October. JH thanked MW for all her hard work. MW is happy to continue looking after the tubs but it was felt that when the spring came it would be good to have a watering rota. Each tub needs 2 cans of water at least. It was also suggested that there might be someone, possibly a retired person, who would like to take responsibility for the tubs and PT would be asked to put a notice up to request if anyone was interested. This item is to be kept on the agenda.

Kitchen

JL reported that she had been in touch with Felix. It was hoped that the remaining work, including the new toilet, would be complete by Christmas. This would just leave decorating for us to do. A grant of £720 had been obtained from The Common Good Trust.

JL was thanked for all the work she had done to make all this happen.

Pictures

Andrew Jenkin has supplied 19 pictures which are displayed around the library and they are for sale. He will donate 30% of the sale price to the library.

Kirklees Libraries Awards

The Library Services are offering awards and the ceremony will be on Wednesday 16th November 2016 between 6 and 8 pm.

The following people have been nominated

Louise Augustus Nominated by JH for being a superb mentor to all the volunteers

Events Team Nominated by CP for good team spirit

Carrie Birch and the Children's Activities Team Nominated by PT

Friends and Volunteers Nominated by NR

All nominees need to be at the ceremony regardless of whether they receive an award. Hopefully CB, CP and PT will be attending.

Book Sale

JL thanked everyone for their help, hard work and support. The event raised £392.10. This event helped the community as well as the library as some books left would be given to AB to take to The Honley High School event. JL would take some for the Christmas Street Fair and the remainder would be going to Kirkwood Hospice.

It was suggested and agreed that this would become an annual event.

Also suggested was a large banner to advertise all our activities. The pricing of the books was exactly right and paper backs sell better than hard backs.

JH thanked JL for all she had done to organise this brilliant event.

Honley Library 80th Anniversary

This will be on Saturday 5th November. PT and CP have ordered a gold balloon to go next to the refreshments.

The display will go on the table used for Lego and after the event it will go on the new tables parallel with the fiction and will be left up for two weeks. It will then go to Honley High School Christmas Fayre and then back to the library for the Readaround. SD will put CP's information into a leaflet and also put it on the website. There are 2-3 handouts to go with the display.

Seating is to be put out in groups and move one bookshelf and shuffle the others up to make space. JC requested that the library staff be well supported by the rest of the team. NR said she is on duty that morning and has help. Guests should be expected from 11.30. The Mayor and Mayoress are coming at 12.00 sharp and CP is to be their chaperone. Kathy Dyson will be cutting the cake. CP asked if we could give her some flowers and this was agreed CP will organise these. Other important guests attending are Jason McCartney and also Brian Haigh from Huddersfield Local History Society. Liam Beadle is to be invited to represent St. Mary's Church. The Secretary of Trinity Church, Jane Armitage, will be attending.

June from Zebra will be coming to the event as a representative of the Business Association.

The Village Trust have painted the railings and Michael Page has varnished the seat and litter has been picked up. CP went to the Village Trust meeting. They gave £100 to Helen Harrison towards the activities for the children in the summer. It was felt that our relationship with the Village Trust is good.

LS is to ask The Examiner if they can send a photographer. LS will also take photos and write a piece for The Examiner and The Flyer to also include the book sale.

Events

Honley High School Christmas Fayre 26th November

This will be held from 11.00-2.00. We have two tables to promote the library and stress that we are still open. CP will be selling her books and signing them as well, and also bringing the Display about the history of the Library.

This will be discussed further at the Events Meeting tomorrow.

Readaround 5th December 7-9

AB has prepared posters and JB has produced tickets. LS to deal with the publicity. A friend of AB will produce a cake in the shape of a book with eight figures on to represent Eight-in-a-Bar

Trinity Church Xmas Festival 3rd and 4th December

We have been asked if we would like to take part again this year. It was agreed we would and particularly to involve the Knit and Natter group again.

The tree can be put up on Friday 2nd December between 9.00 and 6.00 and taken down on Sunday 4th between 4.00 and 6.00. CP will loan her tree but will need help moving it and JH offered to do this. FS said it would be good if children could be involved. It was agreed to arrange a meeting on a Tuesday afternoon at the library when the Knit and Natter group were there. A date would be set up at the Events meeting tomorrow.

Treasurer's Report

There is currently £772.92 in the bank. £100.00 is earmarked for Child Activities from the original £250.00 set aside as £150.00 has been paid out for the author visit. CB has £142.00 to pay in from donations raised.

Website Group

SD said nothing further had happened. Redevelopment of the website is going ahead but currently awaiting the results of information being put together by the Development Group so that all the changes can be made at the same time. SD will arrange a meeting with the Web Group to proceed.

Joint Development Plan

The group have met again and made more progress. They are moving towards creating rules and regulations and also guidance for Honley Library. They have discussed what type of groups are needed such as the Web Group, Finance, Funding and Resource Group [this is not just about money but what resources are needed].

It was suggested that proposals are ready for March to be discussed and finally approved at the AGM. This is still work in progress and there is a keen desire to fully integrate Strategy documents, promotion, funding and a document to help decision making.

AOB

1] An email had been received from Jane Mellers regarding a number of new events including a murder mystery evening. The deadline for interest in these events was

9th November and this would be discussed further at the Events meeting tomorrow 10.00 in The Gallery.

2] Cyril Pearce is giving a lunchtime talk in the central library on 23rd November from 1.00 until 2.00

3] CP attended a meeting of The Village Trust and they are planning a Peace Celebration for July 2019' Lots of activities will be included and The Civic Trust are doing research and we will support these activities. We have been asked to display the exhibition in the library. The next meeting for this event will be in June 2017.

4] JL asked NR for feedback on how we were functioning. NS said she thought we were working well together. She appreciated the support and said the kitchen area would be really helpful. There should always be a member of staff at our meetings. There was a rota of NR, Jane Mellers [Area Manager] and Nicola who deals with events. NR is in the library on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

It was agreed that the number of activities going on was a bit overwhelming at the moment. There had been a Volunteer meeting last week and CB had spoken to five people at the Book Sale.

JC asked for any questionnaires to be returned to her.

Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting would be on 10th January but JH will call a meeting earlier if something needs discussing.

The meeting closed at 7.10pm