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**Farnley Tyas Community Group**

**Minutes**

**Wednesday February 5th, 2025, Farnley Tyas Bowling Club**

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| **Agenda Number** | **Item** | **Actions** |
| **1** | Welcome and Introductions  NW welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2025, the January meeting being cancelled because of bad weather.  Attendees: NW, RW, JW, TP, SAR, JD, JF, CP MP, BA, MB, RB, JW, FH, KH, JH, NC, NH, JA, PB, LR, SM |  |
| **2** | Apologies were received from AS, C&DH, BH, K&RB, CH, TH, NS, RF, DG, and LH. |  |
| **3** | Minutes of the last meeting (AGM November 2024) were agreed and seconded. |  |
| **4** | Matters Arising (not on the Agenda)  No matters arising which were not on the agenda were identified. |  |
| **5** | **Represent the interests and concerns of village residents to the local authorities and other stakeholders** |  |
|  | * Council updates   BA said that problems with bin collection over the period of bad weather were made worse by abandoned cars and un-cleared side streets. Due to council financial constraints there had also been a lack of gritting. He said that local salt bins would only be filled once and additional refills could be purchased by individuals or companies from Kirklees.  He noted that Kirklees budgets were now being set and it was very likely that council taxes would rise by just under 5%.  RB said that there had been no Kirkburton Parish Council meeting in January due to bad weather but a meeting was scheduled for 6 February. A budget proposal was on the agenda and he could see little change in this. |  |
|  | * Traffic Calming   NW reminded the members that there had been a meeting in 2024 with a Highways Department rep to discuss the possibilities of improvement. The representative was to consider options including working with the school but no further correspondence has been received despite numerous attempts. BA suggested an alternative contact. He said that action was only taken when there had been a number of recorded incidents resulting in harm.  There was agreement from members that the traffic volume in the village caused concerns. NW said that a further volunteer was needed for the working group and asked anyone interested to step forward. JH suggested that a representative from the school and/or local riding groups would be useful. | **NW to continue to pursue with KC**  **NW to contact JD re: generating interest with riding community** |
|  | * Neighbourhood watch   NW said there was difficulty loading this information onto the website due to formatting, NS is looking into this. In the meantime NW and LR can signpost anyone if required. There had been police presence at the Community Café over recent weeks and the Local Community Officer had offered to attend a meeting in the future to discuss any specific issues and answer questions. | **NW to liaise with BF re: future presentation to the group.** |
| **6** | **Organize and support various initiatives and projects that benefit the village and its residents** |  |
|  | * Church updates   KH provided a summary as follows:  The Community Café is increasingly popular and has good attendance every Tuesday. The rota is filled up until the end of June, KH thanked all who participated in the rota and asked anyone interested in being included to get in contact with her.  There will be an Ash Wednesday service at St Lucius at 11.00am followed by lunch.  There will be a Bridge Lunch in April  A number of events are planned in coming months including a fashion show on 1 May (rearranged from November), the Kings Men in July and Micron Theatre in September.  The Eco Church group has permission to install solar panels and now requires Church of England permission and a project plan to take this forward. The churchyard is greatly improved thanks to the many plants donated and the impact of the Community Pay Back scheme. The Eco group meets quarterly with working parties taking on specific tasks. Numbers on the group are down and any volunteers would be most welcome.  There is still a vacancy for a vicar, the recruitment process has started and it is hoped interviews will take place in March. |  |
|  | * Knit and Natter   FH said that this group continues to be very well supported with 14 regular members. The meetings are held weekly on Thursdays in the Golden Cock at 7.00pm. |  |
|  | * WI   The WI continues to meet monthly. |  |
|  | * Garden Gang   LH said that bad weather had delayed the planned preparations of the soil. It is intended agree a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Kirklees Green Spaces to clarify what can and what can’t be done by the Garden Gang. | **LH and RH to liaise with AW re: MOU** |
|  | * Farnley Walkers   The first walk went ahead successfully but the New Year walk was cancelled because of inclement weather. Further dates will be arranged from April onwards when the weather is likely to be better. |  |
|  | * Farnley Readers   The next meeting of this popular group will be held on 19 February 2025, the chosen book is “You are here” by David Nicholls. The book for March 2025 is Demon Copperhead. |  |
|  | * Farnley Flutter   The draw was held at the meeting, the Chair agreed to inform the winner and confirm the bank details for payment, | **NW to contact the winner.** |
|  | * Village Fete   DC gave a comprehensive overview of the plans to date. This included the programme for the day, venue arrangements, safety considerations etc. Full details will be circulated widely in a number of methods when plans have been firmed up.  There was a discussion on the anticipated costs and projected income. DC said that if all went as planned the costs should be met. Any profits would be shared between St Lucius’ Church, the school and the Community Group, for the benefit of the village. Some sponsorship has been promised although not yet received. It was agreed that some funding at the planning stage would be useful and DC was advised to liaise with FTCG treasurer if money was required to pump prime the event. (Those present agreed that this was a reasonable and supportive offer). |  |
|  | * Farnley Tyas Arts and Cinema Club   RW said that there had been a good attendance for the January film,” Critic”. The next film night will be 14 February, “Thelma”, followed by “Conclave” on 14 March. |  |
| **7** | **Provide a platform for dialogue, cooperation, and mutual assistance among the residents** |  |
|  | * The Open Forum was deferred on this occasion due to very full agenda. |  |
|  | **Encourage the participation and involvement of all residents in the group's activities and decision-making** |  |
|  | * January Committee Meeting Update   The notes of this meeting are attached as an appendix.  One notable event was FH’s decision to step down from the committee after many years of service to the village. FH was thanked by NW for all her contribution and presented with flowers.  NW noted that this means there were now 2 vacancies on the FTCG Committee. |  |
|  | * Finance Update   The Treasurer gave the following update on the Group’s financial position to the end of January 2025:  The current cheque book account balance at the end of Jan 25 is £2,059.36. The total in the savings account is £1,145 making the overall total funds of £3,204.36  Movements in Jan 25 are:-  TOTAL PAYMENTS IN - £324.00 (Farnley Flutter payments)  TOTAL PAYMENTS OUT - £55 (£50.00 - Flutter winner Jan 25 and £5.00 - HSBC Bank Charges)  From the total funds ( current and savings accounts ) now includes at the moment - held in reserve for future costs are:-  - £550.00 - for future Flutter winners  - £900.00 - we should hold for future running operating costs as a buffer  - £300.00 - Annual Grant from KBPC for the Village support  TOTAL - £1,750.00  This still leaves £1,454 of which another £600 is held from the Christmas Carol event which was requested to hold in case of another Production Event, leaving £854 that we could spend on an approved Village improvement or event.  We now have a TOTAL of 90 paid up members for the 2025 FLUTTER - which at £12 per member gives £1,080 of which £600 will be paid out to winners during 2025 and the balance helps paying for the news leaflet, WIX domain and web page costs etc. |  |
|  | * Community Fundraising Scheme   NW said the plan was to provide entry markers on roads into the village. This would assist with traffic calming. NW and RW were considering the options and were attempting to liaise with Kirklees Highways staff. Once ideas are clearer they will be shared and consultations with the community will take place. |  |
|  | * Newsletter   The first of the new style, quarterly newsletters was produced by DC and distributed in December. This was well received and the next edition is due in March. DC said a significant proportion of the newsletter will be taken up with details of the Farnley Festival. NW said other items would include Farnley in Bloom and traffic calming. He asked all present to share photos, poems, interests, seasonal recipes etc. These could be included in various editions. |  |
|  | * Supporting local businesses   JD told the meeting that she had been in touch with Burnt Hill Herbs and Roebucks. She had information and would write short pieces for the newsletter. |  |
| **8** | **Preserve and celebrate the cultural, historical, and natural heritage of the village** |  |
|  | * Field Lane   Kirklees Planning  Enforcement served Breach of Conditions Notices on the responsible party for Condition 25 ( 2014/ 92355) and condition 27 ( 2014/90975) . The notice was served on 23rd January 2025 and the responsible party has 90 days to comply with the conditions. All the members of FLUG have been notified. We will monitor and see if Kirklees pursues court action. |  |
|  | * Yew Trees Farm   NW reported that a new Planning Application No: **2025/90119**, dated 17th January 2025, has appeared on Kirklees website in the last week or so. This is the latest submission to try and satisfy various Conditions attached to the Planning permission.  There remain issues with the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP), condition 7. Still no phasing of the development or info of communication plan with residents. Proposed wheel washing facilities are still not installed.  NW asked Residents if they had any additional concerns (e.g. adequate emergency / complaint arrangements, or deliveries during school hours which should not be happening? DC raised issues with the quality of the stone being used, i.e. tumbled new stone.  Also of note, re: boundary works (Condition 29)**,**details for just one section of the boundary (with the PROW) have been submitted. Other boundaries are yet to be addressed (e.g. curved wall opposite the church).  Most concerning is that a condition of planning approval was submission and approval of the CEMP before works started. We are now one year since works started without an approved CEMP.  NW, with consensus from FTCG, will write to Kirklees Planning and Compliance raising issues, particularly conditions 7 and 29 remaining unfulfilled, copying in BA. Residents are encouraged to digest the recently uploaded material and raise any individual concerns they may have, to the council, copying in BA. | **NW to write to Kirklees planning on behalf of FTCG.** |
|  | * Tidy Tyas   The next “tidy” will be on 8 February, meeting at 10.00am |  |
|  | * Farnley in Bloom   A summary of the project including how everyone can get involved and how the group members can support where needed will be included in the newsletter and other usual communications. The secret judging is expected in July/ | **LR/RW to draft article for newsletter** |
| **9** | **AOB**  Nothing raised |  |
|  | **Date and Time of next meeting**  **Wednesday 5th March, 2025, 7.15pm Farnley Tyas Bowling Club** |  |