



FARNLEY TYAS COMMUNITY GROUP

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes

6 November 2024

Agenda number		Actions
1	<p>Welcome and introductions.</p> <p>Present: NW (Chair), JW, RW, NS, JD, JG, JW, BH-W, RB, KB, NC, TP, AS, NW, SM, LR, DC, CH, RH, LH, NH, RB, MB, KH</p> <p>Apologies: JF, RF, JH, DG, PH, MH.</p>	
2	<p>Election and Re-election of Committee Members</p> <p>The Chair confirmed that 2 ordinary members of the committee, Sam Kaye and Jill Wood, were stepping down. One person, Adam Schewtschuk, had expressed an interest in becoming an ordinary member. Following nomination and seconding, Adam was formally appointed as a member of FTCCG committee.</p> <p>The full committee at present is therefore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nick Wade – Chair • Neil Harris – Deputy Chair • John Wright – Treasurer • Susan Moloney – Secretary • Frances Holmes – Communications Officer* <p>Plus 7 ordinary members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben Harvey-Wade • Neil Smith • Richard Wood • Linda Roebuck • Julie Davies • Adan Schewtschuk <p>This leaves one vacancy for an ordinary member which will be held at present.</p>	

	<p>*NOTE: since the meeting Frances Holmes has stepped down as Communications Officer. This role will be undertaken by Neil Smith. Frances will continue as an ordinary member of the committee.</p>	
3	<p>Treasurer's Statement of Accounts</p> <p>The Treasurer provided a detailed overview of the annual accounts to the end of September 2024, which have now been audited. He outlined income and expenditure and provided details of the current financial position. The details are:-</p> <p>Current Cheque book account balance end October - £642.23. The value at the end of August was £1,174.34.</p> <p>TOTAL in the savings account - £1,139.52</p> <p>TOTAL FUNDS - £1,781.75 (£2,308.32 at the end of August)</p> <p>Movements since the meeting in August are:-</p> <p>PAYMENTS IN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - £672.00 - Grant from KBPC as a contribution towards new benches in the REC - £240.00 - November Quiz/pie and peas entries - paid online direct to the FT CG account <p>- TOTAL PAYMENTS IN - £912.00</p> <p>PAYMENTS OUT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - £10.00 - Annual membership - One Community membership - £50.00 - Flutter win for September draw - £140.22 - Payment to WEL Medical for new pads in the village Defibrillator unit - £5.00 - HSBC bank charges for September - £44.00 - DK Print for FT CG news latter printing - £50.00 - Flutter win for October draw - £5.00 - HSBC bank charges for October - £891.76 - For cost of topo new benches and installation materials for the REC (Part funded by KBPC grant of £672.00) - £244.24 - For new battery and fitting for the village Defibrillator unit 	

	<p>(Grant applied for - awaiting decision)</p> <p>- £3.39 - To WIX for extension top up payment to extend membership from one year to two years and more cost-effective contract</p> <p>- TOTAL PAYMENTS OUT - £1,444.11</p> <p>From the TOTAL funds of £1,781 (Current and Savings Accounts) now includes at the moment - held in reserves as follows:-</p> <p>- £150.00 - for future Flutter winners</p> <p>- £900.00 - We should hold towards future buffer and running costs</p> <p>- TOTAL - £1,050.00</p> <p>- From our TOTAL Funds (Current and Savings Accounts) of £1,781 - this still leaves £731 of which £600 is held from the Christmas Carol event which was requested hold in case of another Production Event, leaving £131 spare.</p> <p>As can be seen from above we have had a large Total Payments out, which has reduced our Total Funds down to £1,781 from £2,308 as the end of August.</p> <p>We should retrieve some money from the cash payments after costs from the Quiz night fund raiser and if our grant application for the cost of the new battery for the defibrillator is successful to boost our total funds.</p>	
4	<p>Chairman's Report</p> <p>Nick noted the considerable changes over the past 12 months since he took the role. Nicky Cantrell stepped back as Chair of the committee but is still very involved and the input is appreciated.</p> <p>Also Jane stepped down as secretary and Nick thanked her for her contribution. He also thanked Sam and Jill for their invaluable service.</p> <p>Nick welcomed Adam to the committee and thanked other members for their individual and joint contributions. All are volunteers and give their time to provide an important service to the community. He also thanked Paul from the Bowling Club for hosting the committee meetings and looking after everyone.</p> <p>Over the past year there has been a focus on strengthening the governance and transparency of the Group by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Re writing and adopting the new constitution ➤ Providing clearer objectives ➤ Publishing notes from committee meetings ➤ Attempting to get wider representation from the community. <p>It was noted that in the next 12 months several members of the committee intend to step down. It is important to continually bring</p>	

new people/ideas forward and Nick asked that everyone reflected on the value of the group to the village and step up if they are interested and able to support.

Achievements

The Chair said there was an impressive list of achievements over the past 12 months and thanked the many people had contributed and supported to:

- The defibrillator in the village centre, with enormous support from Kath Hinchliffe. He noted the great help we get from both councillors on numerous issues.
- Refurbishment of the “rocking “ animals and notice board on the recreation ground and general maintenance of the gardens.
- Repainting the bollards.
- The Christmas social, entertained by Nytebeat.
- Advent windows
- Continues close connection with the school including providing money for books for all children as Christmas gifts.
- Support for the T4U shoebox appeal.
- Continued Neighbourhood watch with support from Bev
- D Day 80th Anniversary event with Fish and Chips at Field.
- Tidy Tyas, which continues month after month and is hugely appreciated
- Adoption of footpaths, this work will continue as still more to do.
- Farnley Readers has been established and is thriving.
- Anew much improved website
- The garden Gang is now a formal subgroup of the committee, continuing to keep the Rec well maintained and replacing 5 planters this year.
- The Feedback Survey was an important method of increasing engagement with all residents.
- Traffic calming is still an ongoing issue, and more involvement is needed to continue.
- We have continued to check and challenge the Yew Tree Farm development re: adherence to conditions
- The newly established walking group will have its first walk on 9 November with a further walk planned for New Year’s Day.
- The Pumpkin competition attracted fantastic entries and showed the creativity of many residents.

Nick completed his report by saying he hoped the reworked constitution provided a framework for more robust governance and accountability. The support we provide to local business such as the Church, the pub, Field, the school etc is admirable. Kath Hinchliffe said she would like to thank the Community Group for everything it does to support the Church.

5	<p>Priorities for 2025</p> <p>The Chair said that he was keen to continue to align future activity to the five objectives of the FT CG constitution and outlined the following proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Represent the interests and concerns of village residents to the authorities and other stakeholders. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Strengthen relationships with local business, the school and other relevant stakeholders. ➤ Continue to check and challenge the Yew Tree development and the issues with Field Lane. ➤ Persist with the traffic calming strategy, provided we have further support from individuals to form a working group. ➤ Strengthen Neighbourhood Watch. • Organise and support various initiatives and projects that benefit the village and it’s residents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Support and facilitate the delivery of the Village Fete. ➤ Establish a walking group. ➤ Support the village improvement scheme, specifically entrance markers. ➤ Establish the Garden Gang as a formal sub-group to the committee. • Provide a platform for dialogue, cooperation and mutual assurance amongst the residents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No further action at this time • Encourage the participation and involvement in the group’s activities and decision making. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No further action at this time. • Preserve and celebrate the cultural, historical and natural heritage of the village. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Farnley in Bloom 2025 <p>The Chair asked those present if there was agreement with the priorities as outlined and these were accepted. There was a suggestion that the trees in the recreation group should be labelled so there is better awareness of the varieties. This will be considered.</p>	
6	<p>Community Group General Business</p> <p>The minutes of the FT CG meeting held on x September 2024 were proposed and seconded.</p> <p>The minutes of the FT CG meeting held on 2 October 2024 were proposed and seconded.</p>	

7	<p>Farnley Flutter Update</p> <p>2 x draws (November and December), the winning numbers were: 69 and 58 -winners have been notified.</p>	
8	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.00pm.</p>	
	<p>The next meeting will be held on 8 January 2025 at 7.15 in the Bowling Club.</p>	