



Minutes
Annual General Meeting Wed 15th May 2024

Item		Action
1	<p><u>Welcome from the Chair</u> (Marilyn Banister). <i>Present</i>; Marilyn Banister (MB), Roger Banister (RB), Francesca Bridgewater (FB), Alison Davies (AD), Tommy Knowland (TK), Philippa Monaghan (PM), Stephen McCann (SM) <i>Apologies</i>; Chris Steele (CS), David Bridgewater (DB)</p>	
2	<p><u>Minutes of last AGM - 21 June '23</u> No matters arising. Proposed by FB and seconded by RB as a correct record of the meeting. All agreed.</p>	
3	<p><u>Matters arising</u> - none.</p>	
4	<p><u>CAM Annual report 23/24</u> MB shared slides setting out the work done during the year. Last AGM's guests included Simon D'Vali of BMBC re: village road plans and Cath Carter from Environment Agency on carbon literacy.</p> <p>Working groups and the One Planet Principles:</p> <p>Health and Happiness: Encouraging active, social and meaningful lives to promote good health and wellbeing. Great Big Green Week (GBGW) June '23 incl Letters to Tomorrow & pledges but need 1:1 to support and encourage.</p> <p>Equity and Local Economy: Creating safe and equitable places to live and work which support local prosperity and international fair trade. Menston Business Accreditation with MBA, MCA, St John's & MPC. This needs a reboot so online survey underway on principles and what business can do as commitment. TK raised hairdressers' huge potential to save energy and use eco products, potential for hair compost collective to gather and pass to Menston In Bloom as a good news story? AD queried annual renewal but that has not been part of the process. Survey offers chance to discuss options & tips and potential website logo revamp. 17 out of 60 MBA members signed up so further potential and MB to contact Christine of MBA.</p> <p>Culture and Community: Nurturing local identity and heritage, empowering communities and promoting a culture of sustainable living. Menston Show Sept '23 well attended with good interest.</p> <p>Land and Nature: Protecting and restoring land for the benefit of people and wildlife. MANT link ongoing. St John's eco group -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Silver award gained from A Rocha. 2. Church yard needing grass cut then BMBC taking on management of full cut then 2 per year. SM offered to cut with RB so RB to advise of date. 3. Seeds planted so aiming for harvest discussions. <p>Sustainable Water: Using water efficiently, protecting local water resources and reducing flooding and drought. No progress but info leaflets available.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">MB</p> <p style="text-align: right;">SM/RB</p>

	<p>Local and sustainable food: Promoting sustainable, humane farming and healthy diets high in local, seasonal organic food and vegetable protein. Save the World by eating less meat talk given by Dr David Williams of Leeds Uni. SM mentioned is long-term vegetarian but veering towards vegan incl his dairy farmer family.</p> <p>Materials and Products: Using materials from sustainable sources and promoting products that help people reduce consumption. MB cited Primark circular economy sought with Ellen Macarthur Foundation to recycle & resell jeans.</p> <p>Travel and Transport: Reducing the need to travel, encouraging walking, cycling and low carbon transport.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. School pavements plan underway. One Way up Derry Hill confirmed but Leathley now dropped. 2. 20 mph planned - SM queried 20mph in Wales mixed effect/application. 3. MPC Travel & Transport (T&T) group reinstated and Strengths/Weaknesses/Opportunities/Threats (SWOT) analysis done on wants. Active Travel Hub funding sought and link to Otley & Ilkley for joined-up bid as they're well underway with cargo bikes etc. Once 20mph enacted, can look at 4 Lane Ends pavement widening and Farnley/Main St junction with MPC contacting relevant points. SM raised noise issue of calming tables design. 4. SM noted parking issue with oversubscribed home drives. 5. Friends Of Wharfedale Greenway (FOWG) talk Nov '23 - survey responses for Menston use / interest: interaction went well. Discussed cycle provision. 6. LBA - Airspace Change programme ongoing with updates to CAM via MPC as ACC rep. (MB) 7. LBA vs LCC discrepancy on counting flights. 'Possible' group trying to influence flight use reduction, TK cited Interrailing ticket for multiple train use and 'Man in Seat 62' for planning. <p>Zero Waste: Reducing consumption, re-using and recycling to achieve zero waste and zero pollution. Jan '24 blisters packs & 'cards to gift tags' event to potentially repeat before Christmas '24. No interest from the Craft group. Blister pack drop-offs in Superdrug Merrion ongoing but not accepted as bulk. Responsibility needs to be raised with Boots & Cohens.</p> <p>Zero Carbon Energy: making building energy efficient and using renewables. Solar & batteries case studies on website and air source due. March '23 retrofit talk by Cathy Hunt held.</p> <p>CAM objects: Take action in the village of Menston and immediate surroundings to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Raise awareness of the climate emergency; ● Enhance our local environment; ● Strive for carbon neutrality and beyond in our area and in our own lives. 	
5	<p><u>Annual accounts</u> -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. £913.54 balance - income vs expenditure with balance all from membership fees & donations. Covers room rental and website hosting fee due so broke even. 2. Currently 22 paid up members with a few lapsed. No charge for attending meetings noted and none who've lapsed removed from Slack. Is paying enough to warrant membership or folks happy to support cause? Membership relaunch needed once establish position. SM noted all receive Menston News but is it enough? 	

	<p>3. FB suggested Slack be replaced with WhatsApp and SM noted is expanding for groups. TK confirmed FOWG via app has invited him to several sub-groups. SM noted issue of phone number sharing but need to clarify if can switch to WhatsApp communities? FB to look into Slack vs WhatsApp member use.</p> <p>4. SM suggested combine events with Otley and FB suggested widen word to Burley etc and have mailing list alongside members list. FB noted Friends Of Weston Woods have mailing list MailerLite system to send out info so FB to send MB the info. SM via Ilkley Grammar School work endorsed email shots as meeting reminders. Potential also to set up a new Member Mojo non-members contact group.</p>	FB
<p>6</p>	<p><u>Election of Officers and Executive Committee for the next year:</u> MB, CS, KC, MR, FB currently in positions. No expressions of interest were raised so all to remain as stand. TK noted comms thanks to MB for Menston News, posters and Facebook. TK happy to lead for T&T group.</p> <p>Chair: Marilyn Banister Vice Chair: Chris Steele Membership Secretary: Karen Casson Secretary: Karen Casson Treasurer: Roger Banister Fundraising Officer: vacant but not required at present Communications and Publicity Officer: vacant but not required at present Plus up to five elected members: Francesca Bridgewater.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>AOB <u>GBGW '24</u> - Clothes swap Sat 15/6 event in Kirkland's main hall. Cheryl Thornton to organise early drop offs before event. Rails and mirrors needed please.</p> <p><u>Neighbourhood Plan consultation meetings</u> - all welcome! 1. Green Spaces held. 2. T&T Workshop Wed 22/5 @ 7.30. Next T&T general meeting 18/6 in Kirkland's small room. 3. Housing session Thurs 20/6 @ 7.30 (mix, design etc)</p>	
<p>8</p>	<p>Next General Meeting: Thurs 18/7/24 agreed, 7.30 at Kirklands.</p>	