

# Friends of Brighouse Station

## Minutes of 1st

### Annual General Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015

The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of Friends of Brighouse Station was held at Brighouse Rest Centre, Park Row at 7pm on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

**1. Members present** 15 individual, 3 corporate members and 10 visitors were present at the meeting.

**2. Apologies for absence** Apologies were received from six members.

#### **3. Chairman's report**

In his report, the Chairman, David Bedding, outlined the reason for the group's formation and in an illustrated presentation showed the progress made following the official launch of the group in January, 2015. He emphasized that we were a working group and showed photographs of before and after in areas of the station which had been cleared. The total number of hours worked so far by volunteers on the second Sunday of the month throughout the year was 400.

The installation of planters and barrels on the station platforms had been in time for the 40's weekend in June and the very many favourable comments from the traveling public and Northern Rail staff were encouraging. Judging for Yorkshire in Bloom had taken place in July and we received a certificate at the awards ceremony.

**4. Treasurer's report** Norman Kemp, treasurer, in presenting the accounts up to the end of October (which are attached) reported a healthy bank balance. The group had been successful in obtaining grants from ACoRP, Calderdale Council, Grand Central and the Brighouse Business Initiative to install planters and barrels sponsored by the local business community.

**5. Secretary's report** The Secretary, Anne Cass, presented a report outlining how the projects had moved forward throughout the year. The individual members of the Committee had worked well as a team, each taking their part in achieving outstanding results. ( Report attached)

#### **6. The election of Officers**

The three officers of the group, David Bedding, Norman Kemp and Anne Cass are eligible for re-election, the appointments were taken en bloc –Proposed Rod Allen, Seconded Mark Yates. All in favour.

The General Committee members Derek Ashton, John Buxton, David James, Kirsty Waterhouse, Ian Wilson, David Woffinden are willing to stand for a further year and their appointments were taken en bloc. -Proposed Rod Allen, Seconded Marlene Travis. All in favour.

Two additional members of the Committee were proposed. Paul Marshall proposed by Anne Cass seconded by Derek Ashton and Beulah Shaw proposed by David Bedding and seconded by David Woffinden. Both were elected.

### **7. Subscription rates**

The Committee proposed that the subscription rates for 2015/2016 would remain unchanged at:

Member	£5
Unwaged	£3
Corporate	£10

This was agreed.

### **8. The AGM closed at 7.45pm**

Following refreshments and a raffle, when one member won 2 return tickets to London on Grand Central. There were several other prizes.

Six new members joined the group for the ensuing year.

Chris Helme gave an illustrated talk entitled **Brighouse Railway Connections** which was enjoyed by all present.

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