

WARLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 6th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Monday 24th November 2014 at 7pm
Maypole Inn, Warley**

AGENDA

- 1. Attendance and Apologies**
- 2. Minutes & Matters arising from the last AGM**
- 3. Officer Reports**
 - a) Chairman – Presentation of the Annual Report**
 - b) Treasurer – Presentation of the Treasurer's Report**
- 4. Election of Auditor**
- 5. Election of Committee Members and Officers**
 - a) Committee Members**
 - b) Secretary**
 - c) Chairman**
- 6. New Chairman's Address**
- 7. Any Other Business**

Dates of next meetings:

Committee Meeting: Monday 19th January 2015 @ 7pm

AGM: Monday 23rd November 2015 @ 7pm

WARLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AGM

ANNUAL REPORT 2013-14

Ladies and Gentlemen. I would like to welcome you to this the 6th AGM of The Warley Community Association.

History Group

After a period of relative inactivity, the History Group sprang back to life during the year under the leadership of David McCallam and Maryke Deahl and attendance at the meetings has been as good as ever with new faces and a variety of interesting topics. The long term project to digitise the cemetery's burial records slowed down during the year, but has picked up again and we are hopeful this will be progressed over the coming winter months.

In addition to the regular group meetings, David and Maryke also hosted meetings of the Halifax Civic Trust in December and the West Yorkshire Archive Service in September giving presentations on Warley history and the Community Association's activities. Their presentations were enthusiastically received by around 100 people and have significantly broadened the awareness of Warley and its history within common interest groups across Calderdale and West Yorkshire. Our thanks go to both of them for their continuing efforts in researching our heritage and building mutually beneficial relationships with other communities which in turn must benefit us all.

In Bloom

The year started with the 'Making Warley Bloom' project involving the clearance and planting of an area at the top of Stock Lane (which has subsequently been adopted by the Council) and additional spring planting, renewal and a new seat in the village centre. Five further fruit trees donated by residents have been planted on the playing fields and additional areas of the fields have been secured for future planting. Our thanks go to June Illingworth and her loyal band of volunteers which although small in number have done a sterling job in maintaining and developing public spaces in and around the village. Our collective thanks are also extended once again to Mark Brazil and his team in the Council's Safer Greener Team for their work and their help in supporting our efforts.

Events

Although it was our intention to organise a third Warley Open Gardens in 2014 as the major village event of the summer, we were unable to attract anyone to lead it, so for the first time for a number of years, the Association did not hold an outdoor summer event in the village. Despite this disappointment, however, the events team has been as active as ever during the year.

The Warley Victorian Christmas once again attracted many people to the village school and was as usual followed by the ever popular village lights switch on and carol signing round the tree. In February a packed house enjoyed an evening of horticulture and socialising at the Vandals. In July the clubhouse was also the venue for our inaugural summer dance which was a sell out with over 120 guests donning 1940's attire. enjoying wartime rations and dancing to the Calderdale Big Band in true Glenn Miller style. The last social event of the year was a Ceilidh held at Warley St John's where over 50 revellers jigged about to the Rob Thorn Band.

The events group also organised a village stall at the Rushbearing festival and the open air remembrance service marking the centenary of the outbreak of World War 1. All in all, a successful year which attracted over 500 people in total and our thanks go to the school, the Vandals and the church for the use of their facilities. As always, these events take a great deal of planning and execution which in addition to committee members also involves many other volunteer helpers. I thank Eliana Bailey, John White and June Illingworth for leading the events this year along with everyone else who got involved for all their combined efforts in bringing people together to make our community what it is.

Projects

Our second attempt at a village calendar for 2014 saw a much bigger and bolder effort than the previous year and we managed to sell all 300 that were printed. Buoyed by this success we have printed 400 for the 2015 edition and sales are going really well as our Treasurer will report later.

Our only other major project of 2014 has been a campaign to have the lower part of Paradise Lane resurfaced and I am pleased to report that we have made great progress with the council's highways department to make this a reality. We have secured funding from the Council and the Warley Trust and this will be complemented by our own project funding with the work being undertaken sometime over the winter. Once completed, and in addition to making this bridleway safer and cleaner for everyone, the resultant surface will fully enable pram and disabled friendly access to the school especially from the Dark Lane junction. Our thanks go to Warley Trust and also to Councillor James Baker who helped secure the initial interest and support from the Council which was essential for this project to go ahead.

Community Engagement

As an Association we continue to raise issues with both the Council and the Police as well as our locally elected councillors, but as we have always said, it is equally vital, and generally more effective, for residents to raise specific issues directly with the authorities, whether that be reporting crime and suspicious behaviour or cleaning and repairing our roads. During the year we have tracked, in particular, the council's record in responding to reported problems and it is clear that they generally do a good job. Whilst we would all hope that the authorities did a better job in preventative maintenance and improvement works (which have been well near non-existent in Warley for many years), I think the Association has proved that it is possible, as a representative organisation to make in-roads, however small, in this area. Our In Bloom group have always worked very successfully with the council in maintaining our open spaces but the Paradise Lane project has shown that it could be possible to achieve similar progress with regard to our highways and by-ways. As always, these things take an enormous amount of time and effort and we could achieve so much more if more people got actively involved.

The Future

In my annual report last year I stated that 2014 could be a watershed year for the Association and I believe it has turned out to be so. All the evidence suggests that our activities are still well supported, not just by the numbers of people who turn out for our events, buy our calendars or make spontaneous donations, but also by the general level of interest in our community as a whole. In the last 18 months our website has enjoyed 20,000 'hits' with over 50 people signed up as regular 'bloggers' – being people who receive email notification of news items and then go on to read them. The Lantern newsletter is also published on-line as well as being distributed to around 450 homes with a further 200 copies being picked up from the school, the church and our 2 local pubs and it is clear that many in our community value this contact.

Even though we have worked hard to promote the Association and specifically to encourage more people to get actively involved, the number of people prepared to take a lead role in running things has gradually dwindled to the point where the Association's capability to operate as it has in the past is being significantly affected. This is already evidenced by the reduced level of our activities in 2014 which could decline further in 2015.

Summary

As my term as Chairman comes to an end therefore, I look back at the last few years with a great deal of enjoyment and pride in what we have achieved, but with a tinge of sadness that we have not been able to motivate enough people to get actively involved in running the Association to the extent where we can benefit fully from the opportunities (and particularly funding) being offered to communities in this new age of 'Localism'.

Finally, my sincere thanks go to the Association's Officers and Committee, our volunteer helpers and indeed everyone who has participated in our various activities over the past 12 months. Special mention must be made this year to long time committee members David McCallam, Maryke Deahl, Phil Ineson and Jean Williamson for their enormous contributions over the last 6 years as they step down from office. I wish the new Chairman and the committee every success over the next 12 months and I have no doubt that things will continue to be well organised and executed to a high standard and will be of great benefit and enjoyment to our community.

This concludes my annual report for 2014 and I now invite questions from the floor.

Andrew Berry

Chairman

Warley Community Association

24th November 2014

WARLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AGM

TREASURER'S REPORT 2013-2014

"Good Evening Everyone"

Our year began in November 2013 with a balance of £4,677 which was increased with the run up to Christmas by sales of the 2014 Calendar, £595 funding from the Community Development Fund for our project "Making Warley Bloom", a donation of £50 and finally £621 raised at the Christmas Fair. The outgoings for this period were items for the Christmas Fair, the Insurance for members of the Warley Community Association and bulbs and mulch, the latter being purchased using the project money.

At the beginning of January the balance was £5,553 and later in the month we received £333 from Calderdale Council's Xmas fund and a donation of £100 from a member of the Community. Throughout the next three months our main outgoings were purchases for our "Making Warley Bloom" project, these included a seat from recycled material for the playground, weed killer, plants and seeds, ready for summer planting, compost and 2 obelisks. This project is now complete. Other outgoings were the Easy space renewal, which is our email subscription and the Warley Lantern. The renewal for our Warley Website was taken out during the month of May. We also donated £174, which was 50% of the profits from the sale of the Calendars, to Ravenscliffe School. This had been agreed previously because the School agreed to sell us a quantity of Calendars.

During April and early June we received two donations from members of the community to put towards the purchase of plants for our Community planters and tubs. In July we held a 1940's dance which proved to be very popular. The idea behind the dance was not to concentrate on making money but to bring the community together and have some fun without there being any large outgoings, we thought if we could break even then we would be happy and this we achieved, we also managed to make a small profit of £8!!! The cost of putting on this dance worked out at £705 which was the cost of the band, some food, tickets and publicity and we raised £713 through the sale of tickets and a raffle.

In August we had our 2015 Calendar designed and printed together with 20 posters at a cost of £1,300 for 400 so that they would be ready to go on sale at the Rushbearing stall in early September. Despite the terrible weather on that day we managed to raise £91.47, this did not include the sale of any Calendars which are selling very well and are continuing to do so.

During September the History group held a meeting in the Maypole with the West Yorkshire Archives Network Group which was very well attended, the cost of refreshments and the hire of equipment was £138. In October we held a very successful and enjoyable Ceilidh which again was not meant to be a profit making project but after taking account of the expenses and receipts we ended up with a profit of £105.

We now finish our Financial Year with a balance £3,893 which I hope you will agree despite not having a Country Fair, which is jolly hard work, is quite a healthy balance and I hope we all had fun into the bargain.

Although the final amount raised from the sale of the Calendars will come into the report for the next financial year the balance for our Calendar sales stood at £1,200 on the 20th Nov. There are still 95 calendars which are out with the WCA Members, school and the Winterburn pub and I have 65 at home hoping to be sold at the Victorian Christmas event.

Finally I would like to tell you about the funding we have been promised for the repair of Paradise Lane, between the bottom of the Allotments and Dark lane. We made enquiries earlier in the year for quotes to carry out the work and once these were received we applied to the Warley Trust to see if they could help with the cost. We received a promise of a grant of £1,978 from the Trust, the Council (the Rights of Way dept.) also promised us a third of the cost and we will provide the remainder. The original quote was £4,500+vat but due to some changes in design it will now be slightly more. This work will take place in the next financial year.

June Illingworth

Treasurer

Warley Community Association

24th November 2014

WARLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AGM ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS & OFFICERS 2014

Existing Committee Members whose term of office ends in 2015 and do not, therefore, need to seek re-election:-

- Maryke Deahl (Secretary)
- Keith Hutson
- June Illingworth (Treasurer)
- John White (Vice Chairman)

Existing Committee Members whose term of office ends in 2014 and need to seek re-election:-

- Andrew Berry (Chairman)
- Eliana Bailey
- Janet Blackburn
- Christine Crowther
- Phil Ineson
- Sylvia Ketley
- David McCallam
- Susan Naylor
- Stephanie Ryan
- Jean Williamson

Resignations:-

- Maryke Deahl (Also resulting in a vacancy for the position of Secretary)

Existing Committee Members not seeking re-election:-

- Andrew Berry (Chairman)
- Philip Ineson
- David McCallam
- Jean Williamson

Nominations for election to the Committee:-

- Eliana Bailey – Proposed by Eliana Bailey, Seconded by Andrew Berry
- Janet Blackburn – Proposed by Janet Blackburn, Seconded by John White
- Christine Crowther – Proposed by Christine Crowther, Seconded by John White
- Kathryn Gallagher – Proposed by Kathryn Gallagher, Seconded by Eliana Bailey
- Sylvia Ketley – Proposed by Sylvia Ketley, Seconded by June Illingworth
- Susan Naylor – Proposed by Susan Naylor, Seconded by Maryke Deahl
- Stephanie Ryan – Proposed by Stephanie Ryan, Seconded by Andrew Berry

Nominations for election to the position of Chairman:-

- Eliana Bailey – Proposed by John White, Seconded by June Illingworth

Nominations for election to the position of Secretary:-

- John White – Proposed by John White, Seconded by Eliana Bailey

NOTES:-

- Committee Members and Officers are elected for a maximum term of two years
- The Committee has a maximum membership of 20, therefore there are 17 vacancies
- To stand for election as an Officer, the nominee must have been on the Committee as either a co-opted or elected Member in the 6 months immediately prior to the election
- As the number of nominees is not greater than the vacancies in each category election of all nominees will be secured by a simple majority from those allowed to vote at the meeting in each case