

Minutes of the first AGM of Hebden Bridge Community Association
held at Hebden Bridge Town Hall Thursday October 8 7.30pm

Present: James Allison, Jeff Anderson, Janet Battye, Andrew Bibby, Margaret Blakely, Brenda Botten, Diana Croft, Robin Dixon, Marilyn Edwards, Sue Fenton, Gwen Goddard, Nikki Harvey, Karen Houghton, Maggie Hoborow, Richard Holborow, Myra James, Lesley Jones, Martin Jones, Nora Kasanicka, Keith Lomax (HB Woodcraft Folk), Sarah Moss, David Nelson, Michael Newton, Joseph O'Reilly, Derrick Palmer, Carolyn Palmer, David Parry, Mavis Ring, Sara Robinson, Christopher Sawyer, Jane Scullion, Jerry Smith, Rachel Smith, Allan Stuttard, Geoff Tansey, Clive Tegg, David Wallace, Rob Ward, Nick Wilding, Maggie Woods; plus about ten members, who failed to sign the attendance sheet
Apologies: Patricia Duffin, Peter Hirst, Miles Hutchinson, Linda Patterson, Les Siddall, Michael Smith, Nina Smith, Dorothy Sutcliffe

The meeting was chaired by Gwen Goddard who reported that 450 people had signed up as Friends and that 200 people had taken part in the 'open doors' session.

1. The current trustees - Janet Battye, Andrew Bibby, Karen Houghton, Derrick Palmer and Sara Robinson - gave reports on progress so far, on the implications of asset transfer from the local authority, on the background to applications for financial assistance, on the selection process for architects Bauman Lyons and on the Town Hall Open Day and efforts to involve the local community.
2. Derrick Palmer, director, presented his financial report which was accepted by the meeting.
3. David Dempsey, town clerk of Hebden Royd Town Council, announced the results of the election of a new board of trustees. The new members are: Andrew Bibby, Janet Battye, Robin Dixon, Sue Fenton, Peter Hirst, Karen Houghton, Sarah Moss, Derrick Palmer, Linda Patterson and Sara Robinson.
4. The meeting was thrown open for questions and suggestions from the floor. Suggestions included using the Town Hall as a venue for weddings and civil ceremonies, and the continuing involvement in the project of schools and young people in the community. There was some discussion of the situation involving Hebden Bridge Light Opera Society and Calder Valley Youth Theatre and their use of the rehearsal room.

The meeting concluded with a presentation by the team from architects Bauman Lyons.