



Farnley Tyas Community Group Minutes

Wednesday 4 June 2025, 7.15pm.

St Lucius Church Farnley Tyas

Agenda Number	Item	Action
1	Welcome and Introductions NW welcomed everyone to the meeting in a different venue this month due to the unavailability of the Bowling Club. In attendance: NW, BH, SM, JL, JL, RW, JW, PB, RB, KB, JW, BA, JD, MB, NH, DC, NS	
2	Apologies C&DH, TP, S-AR, CL, J&RF, J&FH, CE, NC, LR, LH, RB, DG	
3	Minutes of the last meeting (7 May 2025) were approved and seconded.	
4	Matters Arising (not on the Agenda) There were none.	
5	Represent the interests and concerns of village residents to the local authorities and other stakeholders	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council updates <p>RB reported that Kirklees Council are tightening up on policies around weeding, grass cutting etc. due to cost pressures. These tasks are still being done but they are slow to respond to requests. However the risk of bankruptcy at the council seems to be receding.</p> <p>There is national pressure to build more houses by making it easier for developers to get planning approval. BA said Storthes Hall development is a case in point and he was concerned about the increase in traffic. There are few changes planned to local roads to deal with increased traffic and this may bring additional traffic through Farnley Tyas.</p> <p>BA was asked whether the powers of delegation to officers regarding planning approvals had changed. He said that there was delegation but plans still had to be referred back to the planning committee.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic Calming <p>Following the first Traffic Calming working group meeting, Gary Malon agreed to identify someone to work with us to identify potential actions but had had no success in this. NW said he had emailed the Highways department again and copied in our MP. Now a senior case worker, Paul Shelvin, will meet with us and we will explain our concerns.</p> <p>BA reminded the group that the council base decisions on traffic calming on previous accident statistics. A discussion took place on traffic calming in other local villages. It was noted that the policy changed to evidence based criteria in 2014 and other measures are likely to have been approved before this.</p>	NW to invite community police officer to future meeting.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood watch. No updates 	NW to invite

		neighbourhood watch to a future meeting.
6	Organize and support various initiatives and projects that benefit the village and its residents	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church updates <p>KH gave the following update on events:</p> <p>9 June - Sue Salmon, Medical Herbalist at 7.00pm with supper included. Free event, all welcome.</p> <p>14 June - Churchyard working party from around 10.00 to 12.30 then lunch provided. We need more help from people for example clearing borders, planting, laying recycled mesh paths, weeding.</p> <p>12 July - Craft Exhibition raising funder to help our twin parish in Tanzania to buy 3 sewing machines. This will help women in the village work and support their families. From 10.30 to 3.30, admission is £7.50 and includes delicious refreshments.</p> <p>16 July - The Kings Men Singers from Cambridge will be performing in the church. Tickets are available £20 from Richard Wood or St. Lucius (tickets selling fast)</p> <p>Sunday 14th September at 9.30 A special all parish service conducted by The Bishop of Huddersfield Rt. Rev. P Smytha in celebration of Creation Tide</p> <p>Saturday 20 September 10.00 – 12.30– Churchyard Village Working Party will be held in the churchyard bring wheelbarrow and or other garden tools lunch available.</p> <p>Tuesday 16 September 7pm - Micron Theatre will perform "Hush Hush", a play about Bletchley Park. Tickets from £14 on sale soon.</p> <p>26 September - start of new season of film nights, films to be announced in July. Other dates are 17th October, 14 November and 12 December.</p> <p>Saturday 29 November - Jazz concert 7.30 Tickets available nearer the time</p> <p>Sunday 14 December 11.00- Carol service</p> <p>Wednesday 24 December 4pm - Christingle service.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knit and Natter <p>This group continues to thrive, attendance is increasing. Meeting are on Thursday evenings at the Golden Cock</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WI <p>The WI stall at the Farnley Festival successfully raised funds for the Forget Me Not Hospice.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garden Gang <p>Many thanks were expressed to regular Garden Gang members and others who helped with the delivered of mulch and weeding on the recreation ground.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farnley in Bloom <p>A general tidy/weeding has taken place prior to our Farnley in Bloom</p>	

	<p>judging which will take place in July.</p> <p>A plea was made to dog owners to tidy up after their pets.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farnley Walkers <p>There will be no walk in June.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farnley Readers <p>The book this month is The Old Curiosity Shop which will be discussed on 18 June at 7.00pm in the Golden Cock function room. Note that this date has now been changed to 25 June 2025.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farnley Flutter <p>The draw for June was made, the winner will be informed.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farnley Festival <p>The festival was a big success and congratulations and thanks were expressed to all concerned especially to the main organiser, DC as well as JD and NH who supported the festival on behalf of the community group.</p> <p>DC said that after a debrief meeting he could confirm that plans have started for another festival next year and the overall profit on the day was £6000. This would be split 3 ways with some retained as working capital for next year. He confirmed that £1500 would be provided to the Community Group to be used for something for the benefit of all in the village. JW confirmed that this sum would be earmarked in the accounts for this purpose.</p> <p>DC said some details would be changed to make the event go smoothly. Planning initially depends on support for land use by Rochester Bridge Trust. Any comments, suggestions etc. should be made through the Festival website.</p> <p>JD said she really liked the sense of community on the day with everyone enjoying themselves. KH said that as a stall holder she appreciated the help provided in putting up the stall etc.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farnley Tyas Arts and Cinema Club <p>The next screening will be in September and the programme will be available by late July.</p>	
7	<p>Provide a platform for dialogue, cooperation, and mutual assistance among the residents</p> <p>No topics, issues or concerns were raised.</p>	
8	<p>Encourage the participation and involvement of all residents in the group's activities and decision-making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finance Update <p>The Treasurer gave a financial update with very little change in the last month.</p> <p>Current cheque book account balance at the end of May 2025 - £1,619.35. The value at the end of April 2025 was £1,849.35.</p> <p>TOTAL in the savings account - £1,150</p>	

	<p>TOTAL funds - £2,769.35</p> <p>Movements in May 2025 are:-</p> <p>PAYMENTS IN</p> <p>- £0.00</p> <p>TOTAL PAYMENTS IN - £0.00</p> <p>PAYMENTS OUT</p> <p>- £50.00 - Flutter winner - May draw</p> <p>- £5.00 - HSBC Monthly Bank charge</p> <p>- £175.00 - Garden materials for the REC - see notes at the end.</p> <p>TOTAL PAYMENTS OUT - £230.00</p> <p>From the TOTAL funds (current and savings accounts) now includes at the moment held in reserve for potential future costs are:-</p> <p>- £350 - for future Flutter winners</p> <p>- £900 - we should hold for potential future running costs</p> <p>- £40 - Left from the £300 annual grant from KBPC</p> <p>TOTAL - £1,290</p> <p>From the TOTAL funds (current and savings accounts) of £2,769 - this leaves approximately £1,480 of which £600 is held from the Last Christmas Carol event which was requested to hold in case of another Production event being arranged. This leaves approximately £880 that we could spend on an approved Village improvement or event.</p> <p>With regards to the payment out for the REC garden materials of £175, the actual bill was £277.80, but we had two kind donations from Farnley residents of £127.80 which leaves a cost to FTCCG of £150. I have subtracted £150 from the KBPC annual grant so in effect all the costs were covered. The Committee approved the payment out of our funds in late 2024.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Fundraising Scheme <p>It was previously agreed to use this fund for village entry markers, however Kirklees Highway department are not responding well which is very frustrating.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsletter <p>The next newsletter is due next week. A request for ideas for future newsletters was made.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting local business 	
<p>8</p>	<p>Preserve and celebrate the cultural, historical, and natural heritage of the village</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Field Lane <p>Residents reported that traffic volume and speed has increase on Field lane. The underlying issue is that the lane is not adopted and classed as a bridleway which limits the options. NW said he would write to Giles Cheetham, the PROW Officer regarding this.</p>	NE to write to PROW Officer.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yew Trees Farm <p>KB gave an update on changes to planning applications over the past month. On 15 May new documents which included revised boundaries for the plots and site were submitted. The curved wall opposite the Golden Cock was scheduled to be rebuilt but this is now showing as no change.</p> <p>Also proposals have been submitted to changes to on-site landscaping which show fewer trees.</p>	NW will consider options for escalating this issue.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tidy Tyas <p>The next Tidy will take place on 7 June 2025.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farnley in Bloom <p>Previously discussed.</p>	
9	<p>AOB</p> <p>NW shared concerns raised by resident GE re: suggestion about using a field adjacent to the new Yew Trees development for village parking. Rochester had been approached about this during their recent visit and this information was shared at the last meeting.</p> <p>An FT Committee meeting had been scheduled for 6 June but was cancelled as there were no urgent issues. NW reiterated the situation around committee membership as a number will be stepping down in November. It is critical for the future operation of the committee that roles are filled. Unless the committee is quorate then various functions such as applying for funding cannot be fulfilled.</p>	
	<p align="center">Date and Time of next meeting Wednesday 2 July 2025, 7.15pm. Farnley Tyas Bowling Club</p>	SM

Approved

Seconded