



## Farnley Tyas Community Group

### Minutes

Wednesday 2 April 2025, Farnley Tyas Bowling Club

Agenda Number	Item	Actions
1	Welcome and Introductions NW welcomed everyone to the meeting. Attendees: NW, BH-W, RW, JWd, CE, JH, FH, LR, KB, RB, NC, NS, DC, ML, JLS, JoL, JuL, PB, SR, TP, CH, RH, GM, JD, DG, KH	
2	Apologies were received from BA, J&RF, C&BM, PH, JWt, SM, C&BM, R&MB, CL, NH, P&MH	
3	Minutes of the last meeting (5 March 2025) were agreed and seconded.  Kings Men Concert (Church) is on Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July (not 18 <sup>th</sup> June)	
4	Matters Arising (not on the Agenda) No matters arising which were not on the agenda were identified.	
5	<b>Represent the interests and concerns of village residents to the local authorities and other stakeholders</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council updates</li> </ul> RB had sent apologies and no significant updates to report.  BA was not present and therefore there was no update from Kirklees.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traffic Calming</li> </ul> NW said that after a number of unsuccessful attempts to engage with our contact at the Highways department he had escalated issues with Mark Scar (the line manager). He has had a reply and has been promised a response to his concerns as a matter of urgency, however this did not materialise so will continue to chase a response.  Positive response from requests for volunteers to be part of Traffic interest group, including representative from the horse riding school. Initial meeting to generate some ideas to be held on 9 <sup>th</sup> April. Ideas to be brought back to FTCSG for further discussion.  Conversation between NW and BA about possibility of funding from Kirklees ward councillors towards potential traffic calming measures.  NW is meeting the Chief Executive and Directors of Rochester Bridge Trust on 9 <sup>th</sup> April. Mention traffic calming in case they can offer any financial contribution. <b>If residents have any other concerns that are relevant to RBT, please contact NW.</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neighbourhood watch</li> </ul> The usual updates are being received and anyone can be added to the circulation list whenever they wished. <b>See if West Yorkshire Police Co-ordinator (BF) can attend a future meeting.</b>	NW to contact BF to arrange

6	<p><b>Organize and support various initiatives and projects that benefit the village and its residents</b></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Church updates</li> </ul> <p>KH provided a summary as follows:</p> <p>Unfortunately the Spring Fashion show on 1 May 2025 is cancelled due to low take-up of tickets via Church and Chain Reaction. Consider how to have a joined-up approach to advertising for future events including school, FT CG etc.</p> <p>A talk by medical Herbalist, Sue Salmon to be held on 9 June 2025 on the values and uses of herbs and plants on health and wellbeing.</p> <p>The very popular singing group, The Kings Men, from Cambridge, would be holding a concert on Wed 16 July 2025.</p> <p>On Sat 12 July 10.30 – 3.30 there will be a parish-wide fundraiser at the church in collaboration with Knit &amp; Knatter, Art Group, WI. There will be exhibits and an afternoon tea. Funds are in aid of women’s livelihood in Africa aiming to purchase 3 sewing machines at £100 each to enable women to set up small businesses.</p> <p>Eco Church group had a fantastic turnout of 20 people working in churchyard at the last event. <b>Pictures of the improvements to go on FT CG website</b></p> <p>A new Vicar has been appointed, expected to start the role in July. Robert Savage is a former music teacher, his wife is also a former music teacher, which was felt would be a great benefit to the Church. To be invited to attend a future FT CG meeting.</p> <p>KH said that volunteers for St Lucius Committee would be very welcome. Please contact KH if interested.</p>	<p><b>NS to upload photos to website</b></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knit and Natter</li> </ul> <p>The group meets every Thursday from 7-9 at the Golden Cock. Feedback is that the sessions are enjoyable and sociable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WI</li> </ul> <p>Next meeting will be a cream tea and talk by a Great British Bake Off contestant. Fundraiser for Forget Me Not (nominated charity for the year). This event is fully booked. Membership is falling but guests can attend events for £6 if interested. A designer from Burberry spoke at the last meeting and there will be an author at a future meeting.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Garden Gang</li> </ul> <p>LH and RH are meeting AW from Kirklees to discuss Memorandum of Understanding. Getting a group together to work at the Rec soon.</p> <p>Need a cordless heavy duty strimmer if any resident can lend one.</p> <p>There is a possibility of having Probation group help, being investigated.</p>	<p><b>LH and RH to liaise with AW re: MOU</b></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farnley Walkers</li> </ul> <p>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April 1.30 at the Recreation Ground. Dogs are welcome.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farnley Readers</li> </ul> <p>The book for the 23<sup>rd</sup> April meeting is South (a story of Shackleton’s Expedition of 1914).</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farnley Flutter</li> </ul> <p>The draw was held at the meeting, the Chair agreed to inform the winner and confirm the bank details for payment,</p>	<p><b>NW to contact the winner.</b></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farnley Festival</li> </ul>	

	<p>DC reported that arrangements were proceeding well with a good deal of interest from stall holders and lots of tickets sold. There were a number of local business who had kindly agreed to sponsor the event.</p> <p>The Festival will be open from 1200 – 2300.</p> <p>There will be bands, and an open mic session, games and family fun as well as stalls, food vendors and bars.</p> <p><b>Practical help will be required - at least 50-60 volunteers will be needed across the full day with a minimum of 6 per hour. Each volunteer would only be asked to cover 1-2 hours, either AM or PM, so that they can also enjoy the events. Duties will include car parking attendants, sign posting visitors and ticket checking/gate entry.</b></p> <p><b>Volunteers should register online at <a href="https://www.farnleyfestival.uk/volunteer">https://www.farnleyfestival.uk/volunteer</a></b></p> <p>Tickets can be purchased at <a href="https://www.farnleyfestival.uk/events/farnley-festival">https://www.farnleyfestival.uk/events/farnley-festival</a></p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Farnley Tyas Arts and Cinema Club</li> </ul> <p>The March film Conclave was well-attended (86). The Season is now closed until September as the nights are getting lighter. Film choices for the Autumn will be confirmed in June so schedule can be advertised.</p>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Provide a platform for dialogue, cooperation, and mutual assistance among the residents</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Golden Cock to be closed for a full refurbishment and extension in January. Comments about the current state of the toilets. Agreed to invite the managers to a future meeting to give an update on refurb.</li> <li>Temporary traffic lights now removed but further work may still be required (see also Yew Tree Farm below).</li> </ul>	<b>NW to invite GC managers to give an update</b>
	<b>Encourage the participation and involvement of all residents in the group's activities and decision-making</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finance</li> </ul> <p>NW provided a brief update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Money in - £0.00</li> <li>Money out - £110 for the bowling club annual room rental for 2025.</li> <li>£50 for the March FTTCG Flutter winner</li> <li>£5 HSBC monthly bank charges</li> <li>TOTAL OUT = £16</li> </ul> <p>JW will provide a full update report for the May meeting.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Fundraising Scheme</li> </ul> <p>NW said that now we were able to start the Traffic Calming group and hopeful of better communication with Kirklees Highways department we may be able to move forward with village markers at entry points.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Newsletter</li> </ul> <p>The March newsletter has been distributed. NW again asked for content for future articles such as poems, recipes, articles etc. A discussion took place on suggested ideas including history of the village and history of the primary school.</p> <p>Newsletter delivery team to be reviewed by DC before next meeting.</p> <p>Articles/items need to be with DC by the end of April / first week of May ideally.</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Businesses</li> </ul> <p>Springwood Flowers, article to go in next newsletter.</p>	
8	<p><b>Preserve and celebrate the cultural, historical, and natural heritage of the village</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Field Lane</li> </ul> <p>Works have started on Field Lane but concerns have already been raised about the materials used which are not in compliance with the method recommended in the engineer's report. Concerns about drainage and water run-off. Residents have been in contact with Councillors and Kirklees managers but no responses to date.</p> <p>Chair to write to Kirklees on behalf of Community Group. Will also raise with Rochester Bridge Trust in case they can influence.</p>	<p><b>NW to write to Kirklees Planning</b></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yew Tree Farm</li> </ul> <p>KB reported that there is still no agreed Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP), only draft versions, over 12 months since work started. Part of the CEMP is a communication plan with residents.</p> <p>Residents noted an absence of communication about the recent roadworks to create the new site entrance and temporary traffic lights, although it was reported that residents who had to move their cars had received a letter.</p> <p>NW confirmed that he had contacted Kirklees Planning Enforcement department over the issues raised in the March meeting ie a lack of details over boundaries and concern over the type of stone being used. To date no response or acknowledgement has been received to any communications.</p> <p>It was agreed that NW would send another complaint to Kirklees and would escalate up the chain of control if required.</p> <p>Residents were encourage to contact Planning Enforcement directly with their individual concers, copying in the 3 ward councillors, Bill Armer, John Taylor and Richard Smith. It was noted that personal communications were more effective than templates but NW would include a covering email summary to go out with minutes.</p> <p>Also discussed the option of asking to meet the Site Manager to discuss concerns.</p>	<p><b>NW to write to Kirklees and include covering email with minutes</b></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tidy Tyas</li> </ul> <p>The next "tidy" will be on Saturday 5 April, meeting at 10.00am</p>	
	<p>Farnley in Bloom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Mystery-shopper" judges to visit in July (this could be any time in the month) to review the village open spaces, tubs, gardens etc. We will be awarded a number of 'roses' and given feedback on how to progress. This is an entry level award so not too onerous.</li> </ul> <p>Suggested developing a checklist for residents who want to get their gardens prepared.</p>	<p><b>LR/RW to draft article for newsletter</b></p>
9	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>None raised</p>	
	<p align="center"><b>Date and Time of next meeting</b>  <b>Wednesday 7 May, 2025, 7.15pm Farnley Tyas Bowling Club</b></p>	

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