



## Newsletter 3, March 2011

### Summary of BHRCG AGM & 1<sup>st</sup> Committee Meeting

The following points summarise the outcome and subsequent actions arising from the first AGM, held on the 11<sup>th</sup> February, and the first meeting of the newly-elected committee which was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March:

1. An excellent turnout of 100 residents attended the first AGM and provided names and addresses. Committee members gave brief presentations on key issues affecting the Badger Hill community.
2. The Badger Hill survey and Council decisions regarding Article 4 Directions (A4D) on Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) were discussed. The Council's Executive has now voted to enforce a city-wide A4D, with a one-year notice period issued in February, 2011.
3. Details of the proposed university-sponsored respark scheme were explained (to cover the East of Badger Hill). Letters on parking problems have been sent to Councillors, our MP, the Council and the University. The Committee is liaising with the Council over implementation and residents will be contacted in due course.
4. The proposed plans for a biomass power and heat unit on Heslington East were discussed. A petition to move it towards the A64 was signed by 139 people and has now been handed to the Chief Executive of the City of York Council by the Committee (as reported in the Press). A copy has also been sent to the Vice Chancellor and the leader of York Council (Councillor Andrew Waller).
5. The BHRCG constitution was discussed at the AGM – four modifications were voted on and these have now been implemented by the Committee. **Please see back page for the final version.**
6. Elections were completed – Harry Telfer (chairman); John Nixon (Secretary); Brian Blanchard (Treasurer); Malcolm Dewhirst (Badger Hill West); Sarah Hartley (Badger Hill East); Cathie Odell (Badger Hill South).
7. Offers of help were gratefully received from David Main (website), Colin Barnes (IT), Freda Cobley (Low Mill Close contact). The website and database of Badger Hill addresses are currently being developed by a team of residents.
8. The collection at the AGM raised £200, which has been placed in the BHRCG bank account. Two full meetings (June and January) will be held each year when donations to support the BHRCG will be invited. Other funding channels (e.g. Hull Road Ward) are also being investigated.
9. It was agreed that the BHRCG would form links with other community groups and that a newsletter will be produced quarterly in March, June, September and December. Priorities for Committee work were agreed as follows:
  - a. Provide input to Council meetings on A4D implementation (this requires data gathering).
  - b. Provide representation/input to parking and power unit meetings at the Heslington East forum/Council.
  - c. Provide representation and attendance at other community groups.
  - d. Establish contacts/links between **residents and Area Committee members**. Please see the address label at the top of this newsletter to determine who your area Committee member is (contact details at bottom of page 2).
  - e. Improve neighbourliness and support for all residents (September newsletter to focus on welcoming students).

## **CONSTITUTION FOR BADGER HILL RESIDENTS COMMUNITY GROUP**

1. The name of the Association shall be Badger Hill Residents Community Group
2. The objects of the Association shall be
  - (i) to promote the benefits of all residents living on Badger Hill and to work towards improving their environment and general living conditions
  - (ii) to liaise with local authorities and organisations in order to achieve the provision maintenance and management of community facilities for the benefit of residents
3. The Association shall be non-party political and non-sectarian
4. The Association shall have the power to cooperate with other organisations in order to achieve the Association's objectives
5. Membership shall be open to all Badger Hill residents aged sixteen and above  
The annual subscription shall be determined by members by vote
6. The Association shall be managed by a General Committee to be elected at the Annual General Meeting  
The General Committee shall consist of Chair Secretary Treasurer and three Area Representatives for the West East and South areas of Badger Hill  
The quorum for the Committee shall be four members  
The General committee shall have the power to fill from among themselves any Office or Committee vacancy occurring between General (Public) meetings
7. The General Committee may establish sub-committees and their terms of reference and may co-opt non-members of the association on to these where considered necessary. Co-opted members will be non-voting
8. The Committee shall call Annual General Meetings for receiving and approving Accounts resignations election of new officers and members making policy decisions and amending the Constitution where necessary  
Any motion or nomination must be with the Secretary at least fourteen days before the meeting  
The committee shall call other meetings throughout the year as considered appropriate.  
Voting shall be by a show of hands except for elections where voting may be by ballot
9. All money raised by or on behalf of the Association shall be used to advance the objects of the Association and for no other purpose  
The Treasurer shall keep proper account of the finances and shall open a bank or building society account in the name of the Association  
The accounts shall be examined at least once a year
10. If the Committee decides by a simple majority vote that for whatsoever reason it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Association it shall call a meeting of all Members and if such a decision be confirmed by a simple majority of those present and voting at the meeting the Committee shall have the power to dispose of any assets held by or in the name of the Association  
Any assets remaining after the discharge of any proper debts and liabilities shall be donated to a charity decided by the members always provided that charity is approved by the Charity Commissioners of England and Wales

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Harry Telfer (Chairman) 58 Yarburgh Way.	John Nixon (Secretary) 2 Pinewood Hill.
Brian Blanchard (Treasurer) 46 Deramore Drive.	Malcolm Dewhirst (BH West) 44 Crossways.
Cathie Odell (BH South) 65, Field Lane.	Sarah Hartley (BH East) 49 Yarburgh Way.

The next full meeting will be held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June in Heslington Church at 7.00 pm. All residents, irrespective of tenure, are welcome to attend. *Anyone wishing to make a voluntary financial contribution to support the work of the BHRCG should see their area Committee member or the Treasurer.* Your support would be most welcome as the group does have to meet necessary running costs for its activities (Committee members and volunteers working on specific projects give freely and generously of their time and resources).