

Minutes UHCA December 4th 2018 in Croft House

Roger opened the meeting with the sad news that Peter Cockerill died peacefully in his sleep on Monday December 3rd. We all have fond memories of Peter who quite literally saved the Community Association on two occasions; in 2002, when there were no nominations for Chairman, he stood as chair at the AGM and here is his report at the AGM the following year.

Chairman's Report AGM 2003 Peter reported that his year of office had had a difficult start with the problems he had installing the new kitchen. Following this he, together with many members of association had organised a worthwhile protest against the Waste Transfer Station in Lower Hopton. He always felt that there was a need for the Association to continue together to ensure the safety of pedestrians and drivers in our village. The Road Safety Action Committee has very efficiently drawn up proposed safety measures on a large scale map of the village. Peter is aware that the plea from Kirklees may be lack of funding to implement them but he suggested that we all canvas Kirklees councillors until all reasonable measures have been taken. Peter thanked Gary, Chris and Kath for all their hard work and Glenys and Pat for the twenty one years' service to the Association.

Although he said he was a temporary Chairman, he served the Community with many useful projects many of which he funded out of his own pocket.

In 2010 he retired as chairman but in 2012 even though his health was failing he again volunteered to act as temporary Chairman when there were no nominations at the AGM. He continued for the whole year when his skills as chairman were used to effect when following the tragic death of Declan Newsome, our local paper boy, where the coroner recorded a verdict of Accidental Death, a rather emotional meeting of UHCA was held.

He was always a larger than life character and we send our condolences to Kath, who has cared for him since he became housebound.

Gail who was vice chairman to Peter remembered that he initiated the first Donkey Derby at the Club and the format has continued since.

2. Minutes of the last meeting November 6th 2018, proposed by Andrea, seconded by Alison and all in favour.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

- Jazz Festival - James W has had a favourable response from the Travellers' and Cricket Club and has been advised that band hire costs will be in the region of £150.

Club also want to join in, Gail is to ask the committee at the next meeting.

It was decided to plan for the summer when it would be easier to walk between venues.

- We have received a response from the NHS Yorkshire Ambulance Service regarding the registration of the Upper Hopton Defibrillator. Roger will bring hard copies of the registration form to the UHCA's December meeting for discussion as there are some very specific details which need to be included in the registration form. Gail agreed to obtain the necessary details and advise Roger who will respond to the Ambulance Service.

4. Correspondence.

From Cllr Vivien Lees-Hamilton to **Karen North** Karen.North@kirklees.gov.uk, **Elizabeth Twitched** Elizabeth.Twitchett@kirklees.gov.uk



Please Note this is an urgent matter, I have had the dangers of this pothole flagged up to me by a resident today. This pothole is situated on Hopton Hall Lane, a little bit above the Junction of Cheviot way.

Drivers have already suffered vehicle damage to their cars, and there has been a near fatality with a cyclist. Hopton Hall Lane is very narrow as you can see from the photos, the downhill traffic flow will be forced into the pothole by the traffic flowing uphill. Unless they can see it in time and stop but then they are in danger from following traffic running into them from behind as the following traffic will not be able to see the reason for the stop.

I do not know if it was a concerned resident who kindly placed the sandbag into the hole or a Kirklees officer. But this needs urgent attention please. Regards Vivien

Thank were expressed to Vivien for her urgent action and the pothole has now been filled in.

5. Financial Report.

Kath reported prior to the meeting.

Bank	Income		Expenditure	
	WW1 takings	£202	Wreath for Remembrance Day	£25
	Murder Mystery takings	£897	LED Lamps	£51
			Expenses Murder Mystery	£108
			Food Murder Mystery	£37
			Lock and Keys for Store Cupboard	£35
			Emley Players	£100
	Total	£1099	Total	£356

Roger thanked Kath in her absence

6. Maintenance

The Fire Safety Equipment will be inspected on Friday 7th December at 1.30pm by Flamstop.

The lock on the Pre-School storeroom door has been replaced and new keys issued to the relevant individuals. Keys must be retained by the relevant personnel and we must not leave any spare keys in Croft House. (The keys for the Recreation Ground Gate and Post Box being the exception).

John B has replaced some of the down-lights in the main hall with LED type, so we have an LED solution for those. We are continuing to obtain quotations for installing LED lighting in other areas.

The village Christmas Tree has been purchased from Richard Haigh and installed in the Rose Gardens. New trellis lights have also been purchased. Thanks to Tony H, John F, Ashley R and Richard H.

7. Plans and reports for fund raising events

- Murder Mystery – Saturday 24 November 2018 - Thanks to everyone involved, the evening was a great success. Hopefully we will have another Murder Mystery evening in 2019. Hiring the hot cupboard helped our catering volunteers to ensure that all the meals were served hot. The cupboard will also be used for the Christmas Lunch. The theme was a political one “Murder in the House” and lots of lively debate ensued between cast and diners and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was ensued. Thanks to Greg who acted as Barman.

- Library Theatre - My Brilliant Divorce - 8 Friday February 2019 at 7.30pm. Tickets on sale in New Year

8. Plans and Reports for Community Projects.

a) WW1 Exhibition & book launch at Croft House - 17 November - Thank you to everyone who came along to support the event and purchased a book. Thanks also to all the helpers on the day. There are still a few books available at £10. The production and printing of the book has been fully sponsored and all proceeds from the book sales will go to the Royal British Legion and Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Paula Sherriff sent a card following her visit complimenting the exhibition.

b) Christmas Community Lunch - 14 December 2018 starts 3pm. Invite cards will be distributed this week.

c) Carols Around the Tree - Saturday 22 December 2018 at 6pm which will be led by the clergy from the Mirfield Team Parish and supported by the Clifton & Lightcliffe Band. Father Christmas will hopefully make an appearance and there will be lots of Kath's mince pies.

d) Croft House Book group. Only one meeting in December on the 10th. January's meetings on the 14th and the 28th. The book group had their first Christmas lunch this week at the Seed Room.

9. Hopton in Bloom.

The AGM was held in November and the full report is attached to the minutes

Election of Officers

Chairperson Kath

Treasurer Alison

Secretary Chris

Diary and Cake Rota. Lynne

10. News and reports from the Club.

- Pig Race on November 16th was hilarious as one of the pigs would not race.
- Swap Shop on Thursday Nov 22nd went well.
- Christmas Coffee Morning Dec 1st 10am -12pm was not well attended but enjoyed by all those who went.
- There will be a Soul Night on 15th December.

11. Croft House Cookies Tuesday

There are no meetings in December,

12. News from the Cricket Club

13. News from Preschool.

We all enjoyed our trip down to Mirfield on the bus to post our Christmas cards.

Preschool Crib Service 10.30 am in St John's Church December 17th

14. News and reports from St John's Church and Team Parish.

Tuesdays 4th, 11th & 18th Advent Quiet Service St John's Upper Hopton WF14 8EL at 7.00pm

Thurs 6th Dec Live Nativity St Mary's 6.30pm

Sun 9th Dec - Carols by Candlelight St John's Upper Hopton WF14 8EL 3pm

Mon 17th Dec - Carol Service St Mary's 7.30pm

Sat 22nd Dec - Upper Hopton Community Carols Around the Tree Croft House WF14 8 HS at 6pm

Christmas Eve - Chris tingle Service St Paul's WF14 8DD at 4.30pm

Christmas Eve - Crib Service St Mary's 6pm

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Christmas Eve - Midnight Mass St Mary's 11.30pm Christmas Eve - Midnight Mass St John's 11.30pm

Christmas Day - Christmas Communion St. Mary's 8.30 am & 9:45am

Christmas Day - Christmas Communion St. John's 11.15am

EVERYONE IS WARMLY WELCOMED For more information please see our website

www.mirfieldteamparish.org.uk Or telephone Rev Hugh Baker 01924 505790

14. AOB

15. The 200 Club Draw for Christmas (November)

1st prize £250. 32

2nd Prize £100. 176

3rd Prize £50. 65

Subs are now due for the 200 Club for 2019 @ £15 per annum per number

Date of next meeting will be on Tuesday January 8th at 7.30 pm in Croft House