

RIVER YEALM & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity No 262929.

MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING Held Pendorton Cottage, Riverside Road West NF TUESDAY 11 March 2025 at 7pm

Present: Alan Lomax (AL), Drew Stevens (DS), Peter Hall(PH), Robin Forrester(RF), Peggy Robinson(PR), Gary Fairclough(GF), Graham Edwards(GE)

Apologies: Chris Bradley(CB), Lesley Dempsey(LD)

The meeting was chaired by Alan Lomax

1. **Welcome and Apologies.**
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** held 14 January 2025 approved. Matters arising: Sprit of The Yealm reprint costings discussed.
3. **Treasurer's Report.** AL confirmed end of year Accounts signed off, and Hedley Hunter has agreed to do them for 2025 year end. Bank balance £11,581. Deposit Account £9,346. Current Account £2,235 of which £1,367 in the Court Woodland account. Membership 310. 5 Directories sold.
4. **Planning Report.** Review and discussion of current planning applications. Highfield strong objections from Highways. Collaton application for material changes. AL had written to NNPC about representation on Collaton Liaison committee, but response was not enough space for RYDA. Discussion re 81 Court Road. Agreed objection to 59 Yealm Road. RF to draft.
5. **International Paints – Akzo Nobel**
Still awaiting confirmation of MMO final sign off on works, which should result in the Public Meeting promised at commencement in 2023. Public Meeting now proposed for September 2025.
6. **Parking and Roads.** Beaucracy aspect very slow. Parking lines now by Café on the Green. Car Park Butts Park progressing.
7. **Woodland Reports** Winter months have mainly been spent tidying up. This will stop soon not to interfere with bluebell season. John Stacey purchasing 12 new bird boxes. Grant received to put in new gate at Middlecombe.
8. **Correspondence.** Request to put information in Newsletter re Pharmacy. Successful response. RYDA to take a table at the Annual Parish Meeting 29th March 4pm. GF and PH. Correspondence re PUMA applying for charitable status. Request for volunteer with relevant managing experience to go in Newsletter. DS to liaise LD. DS following up AGM speaker. Letter re litter problem in the villages.
9. **Newsletter and Website.** LD has March Newsletter in hand.
10. **Housekeeping.** PR to circulate option dates for next meetings
11. **Change of Signatories** CB will be standing down from Committee at AGM (although continue as co-opted). Currently a 4th signatory. Agreed that number of signatories

could remain at three. DS/AL/PR. Vote of thanks to CB for his long term hard work and continuing support for the RYDA.

12. **Maintenance of Allens Quay.** It was agreed to allow Shane Hockaday to continue maintaining Allens Quay.
13. **Village Litter Picking.** Positive discussion re correspondence received. RYDA willing to pro-actively help with this after discussion. DS to speak to all concerned, plus put in imminent Newsletter to distribute information for comment and action.
14. **RYDA representation.** LD standing down from RYDA representation on WI Hall Committee. GE agreed to be representative. Committee voted on moving GE and GF from co-opted to full Committee members at AGM.
15. **AGM.** Confirmed 8th April 2025 7pm Newton WI Hall. AL to chair. Packs to be distributed to members. Speaker to be finalised PH/LD/DS. Entry Parish Mag and noticeboards. AL
16. **Any Other Business.** AL to send RYHA email to enquire details re missing backboard with plaque from bench at the Brook. Revelstoke railings - discussion re stock of some materials and priority of action repair/renew. PR to speak with Richard Robinson for feedback, and liaison CB for handover. RR to liaise KT for NNPC thoughts. RF happy to help RR.
Vote of thanks extended to RR for all help with this and other projects in the villages.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

Date of next meetings -

Tuesday 8th April 2025 : AGM 7pm Newton WI Hall

Tuesday 8th July 2025

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Tuesday 11th November 2025