

RIVER YEALM & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity No 262929.

MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at Madge Point, Court Wood

TUESDAY 12 November 2024 at 7pm

Present: Alan Lomax (AL), Chris Bradley(CB), Peter Hall(PH), Robin Forrester(RF), Peggy Robinson(PR), Gary Fairclough(GF),

Apologies: Lesley Dempsey(LD), Graham Edwards(GE)

The meeting was chaired by Alan Lomax

1. **Welcome and Apologies.**
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** held 10 September 2024 approved. Matters arising dealt with below.
3. **Treasurer's Report.** Bank balance £12,163. Deposit Account £10,346. Current Account £1,817 of which £1,367 in the Court Woodland account. Annual fee for website paid. Expected expenditure due for maintenance of Allens Quay. Decision to transfer £1000 from Deposit account.
Discussion re John Allen legacy money and how it should be used, bearing in mind his passion for maintaining Revelstoke railings and gardens at Allens quay, and using for anything else that would benefit the villages.
Auditor (Independent Examiner), Hedley Hunter, appointed.
Membership 312. AL chasing subscription arrears.
4. **Planning Report.** Review and discussion of current planning applications. Discussion of planning proposed for extension of detached cottage next to Coastguard cottages (include in next Newsletter RF).
AL wrote to NNPC 23Sept re Collaton liaison. Meeting early December re next stage Neighbourhood Plan, with results of consultation.
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. Peter Hinchliffe coordinating local stakeholders through NNPC for progress reports.
6. **Parking and Roads.** PH reported pothole gang working well and effectively. Lengthsman and helpers clearing gutters. Council road maintenance – protestation but no action. Car Park Butts Park progressing.
7. **Woodland Reports.** Some Ashes felled. Birdbox survey Eastern Hill and Brookings revealed 80% occupancy of 30 boxes. Up on 2023 figure of 30%. Work party planned for Saturday 30th November. Discussion regarding footpath at top of Newton Wood.
8. **Correspondence.** Correspondence re current glut of properties on the market, and Highfield.
9. **Newsletter and Website.** LD to put photos and picture in Newsletter re planning extension to cottage next to Coastguard cottages.

10. **Housekeeping.** RF has communicated regarding possibility of reprint of 'Spirit of the Yealm'. Decision pending.
11. **Events.**
 - a. AGM 2025 Confirmed as 8th April 2025 7pm Newton WI Hall. Speaker to be finalised.
 - b. Suzanne Sparrow 100th inclusion of RYDA in RBL event 24th November in order to streamline
12. **Any Other Business.**

Next step in progress for Revelstoke railings. Looking at maintenance first, rather than renewal. AD has done audit with photos. CB to speak with RER for priority list.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Date of next meetings - 7pm at agreed venues:

Tues 14 January 2025

Tues 11 March 2025

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