

YT AGM 2018 Chair report Sept 2017 – Aug 18

Thank you for coming to Yetton Together AGM.

Before we start we should mention the sad loss of Keith Osbourne who worked in Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing and was a founder member of Yetton Together

Also Brian Artingstall who was instrumental in the development of the Community Plan for Yetton Together and the Neighbourhood plan for Kirkheaton Future. He was always a great supporter of things happening in the community. Our thoughts are with their families.

YT started the year in September by holding a party to celebrate YT's second birthday as a charity and as a thank you to all volunteers and supporters who have helped us through the 5 years since Yetton Together was formed. 50 people attended. Thank you to Lorna and Jean for organising and Bev for comparing for the evening. The meal at the Landings was very good and all had an excellent evening.

Over the year we have supported a number of community activities including:

- joining together with the Parish Church in the organising of a Macmillan fundraising coffee event. It was a very busy afternoon and a substantial amount was raised.
- The Parish Church Xmas tree festival
- The neighbourhood plan which is of paramount importance to the village. Thank you to all those people involved in this. We are sure the community appreciate all the hard work this is taking to come to a conclusion.
- The yearly gala held in July. This brought together large sections of the community and everyone had a fun day especially as the weather was just right. Groups involved benefited from the profits made including the Community Centre and Library helping to keep us viable.
- YT joined in the Dalton Ward communities Christmas Raffle and each group involved received a share of the profits to support their projects.
- The Cold Royd Wallers in their project in rebuilding walling at Cold Royd lane through advertising and holding funds. Regular walkers will recognise what a brilliant job David Clarkin and volunteers have done. To help get the work finished David managed to get Syngenta volunteers involved in the later stages.
- Donations of food for Greenfield food bank have been collected at the centre throughout the year and passed on to this cause
- We joined with the Parish Church in arranging a Ceilidh a lovely community event enjoyed by all

YT believe that further contraction of libraries services harms the least fortunate and discriminate against those who have difficulty accessing facilities we therefore continue to work with the Friends of Library group to keep this valuable asset in the village.

YT is actively involved in the Dalton Ward meetings where the emphasis is communities working together in the Dalton Ward. Thanks to Lorna for arranging an away day at Northern College for community groups in the area (Sponsored by Cummins Engineering) where the focus was on sharing best practice in community planning and making connections / friendships

Funds to help run the community centre and community projects come in various ways

- Hiring rooms
- Individual donations, YT collecting boxes around the village and local group donations
- Organised events such as Christmas Fair, Murder Mystery evening and Gala, a big thank you for volunteers organising and delivering these events. In addition a Fashion Show was organised by a fledging fundraising group and what a fantastic job they did it was fun and enjoyable. Thanks go to Angela, Ann, Bev, Judy, Judith, Dawn and Diane. We look forward to their ideas in the future.
- The 200 club profits continue to go towards the displays of plants around the area.
- Costcutter/ Local Pride - Steve and Sonia continue support us with their donation boxes thank you to their customers
- Café profits
- Grants and funding from various sources thank you to Lorna who successfully manages to gain resources for building projects and to put on community activities.

Community Centre

Building

This year has been a busy one regarding the building the first stage of refurbishments is now virtually complete with partial double glazing, new kitchen and toilets, flooring to front room and corridor. Thank you to volunteers who have helped out in various ways from moving furniture, taking down and replacing curtains, painting and decorating to sorting and organising storage. Special mention to Michael and Sue Bowyer who did the majority of the work.

Thank you to the Parochial Church Council for their support in these works which included sorting out drainage problems and structural work on the large window in the library

Funders and support came from local councils both ward and KBPC, The Foyles Trust Foundation, Huddersfield Common Good Trust, West Riding Masons

Special thank you to the management team who made all this possible – Sue, Jean, Lorna, Mike and David

The Coffee shop has been going through a change this year. From adjusting to the new kitchen and working on delivering the service, increasing the number of volunteers and others taking on various roles ensuring that the coffee shop keeps on developing and improving.

First aid and food safety courses were organised this year and were well attended

User groups continue to contribute towards the main aim of providing activities where wellbeing of the community is its focus. With lots on offer to take part in, volunteering opportunities and social get togethers. See what's on at the centre.

Thank you to all the groups for supporting the centre from putting on extra activities to being involved in various fundraising events.

Special thanks to the volunteers of Friends of Library who think up ways to bring people/children in to the library and centre. The lego club, children's crafts, Family History group talks, book club and school / children's story time all increase numbers.

Working groups

A big thank you to Sue Bowyer and team for their work on Yetton Together's **magazine, website and social media**. This continues to inform residents of topical information in the area such as the relocation of the PO, Football's walk-a-thon as well as highlighting problematic issues e.g. Parking around the school, recycling, being a responsible dog owner and how groups / individuals have tried to address these issues.

Also thanks to Alison and Lee Grant and inspiration Computers for their support and help in revamping the website and other work, they always willing to help us with IT issues.

Youth – Eric Hutchinson and team have facilitated free multi sports sessions led by staff from Total Sports Foundation increasing opportunities to be involved in sport and new activities which is held at the United Church.

Also they facilitated the National Citizens Award scheme developing skills for 15-17 year olds working in collaboration with YT. This involved the group organising and delivering fundraising activities for the community centre. Its main focus being an auction their interest and enthusiasm was wonderful and resulted in welcome funds for the centre.

There is also a drama group now hiring the main room aimed towards younger children

Hub thanks to Bev and team for organising the various Speaker Evenings which are varied and interesting. As well as events and trips this year such as Chatsworth Xmas Market, 3 trips to the theatre, meals out, Afternoon tea, Wine tasting etc. These are always popular and sometimes sold out as soon as people hear the tickets are on sale

Also thank you for the Hubs purchase of equipment - PA system, projector/screen that can be used for various activities, events held at the centre

Environment More volunteers have joined the ranks to look after tubs and planting areas around (adopt a planter). Northern Gas made a good will gesture in the form of 2 tubs and plants for the community in recognition of the disruption caused in the summer.

A big thank you must go to our two hardy gardeners, Michael and Keith, who are out in all weathers planting bulbs and planters, strimming grass and generally improving many areas in the village.

Hanging baskets looked great once again. Thanks Sue.

There have been some issues around litter and recycling so thanks go to Cllr Mus Khan for supporting the community with this issue.

Progress has been made in re-forming the environment group. Future projects include making footpaths more usable by clearing, resurfacing and repair work, looking after and enhancing green spaces becks and banks and also exploring a cycle network around the village. New volunteers are interested in these projects and in order to prioritise involvement there needs to be a review of what there is already. Initially a wildlife survey is being arranged by Claire Walters – a bio-blitz.

Transport – whilst the vagaries of communicating with bus transport is frustrating ,John Hinchliffe continues to inform the group of developments in timetables, new routes etc. and arranged meeting with Yorkshire Tiger to clarify new bus arrangements. These are posted on the website and reported in the magazine.

Thank you for the support given to YT from individuals using the community centre facilities, user groups of the centre, local businesses, Ward Cllrs and Kirkburton Parish Cllrs, Especially to all the volunteers helping in the various groups, helpers with the maintenance of CC

Future

Already taken place - Gin tasting evening

Xmas Fair

Other projects include:

Refurbishing the old toilets to make a store room and a meeting room

Revamping the entrance to the CC to make it more disabled friendly

Bio Day – May wildlife survey

Dementia Friendly Community