

## Meeting Monday 6th November 2023 7.30pm Walkley Ebenezer

Present: Owen G, Janneke B, Andy P (LWCA), Anne W, Veronica H (Vice-Chair), Ann L (W Festival), Bren T, Laura M (Cllr), Christine C, Lizzy A, Gillian W, Manuel F, Carrie L (Secretary), Shaun (Chair), Hannah K (Joint Treasurer) Sophie R (Joint Treasurer)

### Agenda

1. **Minutes of previous meeting:** passed.
2. **Apologies:** Rob D, Barbara C, Frances H, Anna G, Kate R, Chris R.
3. **Christmas Events**
  - a. 18<sup>th</sup> November 10-2pm St Mary's Church has a Xmas Fair (VH)
  - b. 28<sup>th</sup> November 6.30-8pm Late Night Shopping, with carols by Walkley Choir (6.30pm) on the green opposite Asda. Many local shops opening (inc. Walkley Press, Feels Like Home, Rose House, Walkley Community Store, Gerry's, Walkley Beer & the art studio), Walkley Forum selling mulled wine & mince pies. The library will be offering children's craft activities (AL)
  - c. 16<sup>th</sup> December Walkley Christmas Fair 11-4pm @St Mary's. Walkley Festival are organising our biggest ever Christmas Fair with 35 local makers & creatives stalls, WI cakes, refreshments by Walkley Forum, hot food, mulled wine, children's activities, meet Mrs Christmas & live music from a variety of Walkley musicians! It is hoped that there will be a stamp card/treasure hunt to help traders along South Road.

Walkley Forum will need help setting up, baking cakes & the refreshment stall. If you are available, please get in touch. (AL)
4. **ERF 2 –update**
  - a. Place Improvement Grant Programme: A walkabout along South Rd has been planned to identify priority areas.
  - b. Walkley Festival & seasonal events: there is funding within this year's budget to fund a number of days coordination fees to help these to be delivered (though volunteers are still needed). The festival 2024 will still need to be slimmed down as funding is limited (CL & AL)

Several suggestions were given for sources of volunteers (SW).  
Bernard will investigate whether the LAC could support the festival & will report back.
  - c. Xmas banners will not be erected this year as funds are limited.
5. **Horticultural Show 2024:** new volunteers are needed for planning & delivering Walkley Horticultural Show 2024. Kate Reece will be in the Library on Sat. 25th Nov from 11.30-12.30, to talk to anyone who is interested in being involved and also at the coffee morning at St Mary's Church Hall on Sat. 2nd December from 11.00 -12.00. Last year's committee can provide full information on the running of the Show and mentoring where needed.

### A.O.B

- a. Forum Insurance: need to check this covers all of our upcoming events.
- b. Friends of Ruskin Park have their AGM 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 7.30pm St Mary's Thackery Room. New volunteers also needed for this group to continue running.
- c. Sheffield Festival of the Outdoors. Robert Haslam of the Sheffield walking Festival (10 days in September) has announced that SCC would like some walks in The Sheffield Festival of the Outdoors in March 2024. They are looking for existing or new walks, so this could include history walks, foraging, wildlife etc. Contact Chris Reece [c.reece52@gmail.com](mailto:c.reece52@gmail.com).
- d. Andy Pettigrew – Langsett & Walkley Community Association: the top half of Burnaby Crescent has been resurfaced. More maintenance work has been done on the estates.

Christmas coach trip to Bury Market. More places are available.
- e. Howard Rd ATM: No news but local councillors will work together to find out why this has been done & see if it can be reversed.
- f. Shaun W asked councillors about the signage on Cromwell & Hadfield Streets
- g. Shaun W asked about a poster in Walkley Community Store about Democracy Sheffield. It was found that this is a portal for local petitions on SCC website. Agreed that we would keep an eye on this and publicise anything that was relevant to Walkley where possible.
- h. Warm/Welcome Spaces – are these happening again this year? Laura M will send a link after the meeting which the forum treasurers will check any still active to add to our noticeboards.

**The next meeting will be December 4<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Ebenezer side room.**

**The formal agenda will be kept brief so we can have a Xmas social afterwards. Bring food/snacks to share.** If you have anything for the agenda, please email by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – priority given to those attending the meeting. If you have Xmas events to let the meeting know about, get in touch.