

BOGGART HOLE CLOUGH COMMUNITY ACTION TRUST
Protecting and revitalizing Boggart Hole Clough Ancient Woodland Park

Minutes of 10th June 2009 Annual General Meeting

held at the Lakeside Café, Boggart Hole Clough, North Manchester.

Boggart Hole Clough Community Action Trust (BHCCAT) works in partnership with, among other individuals & organizations, Manchester City Council (MCC), the landowner of Boggart Hole Clough (BHC), particularly MCC Manchester Leisure department (ML).

1. Present: Jean Finch, Joan Kavanagh, Ken Hill, Kylie Ward (ML North Area Parks Manager), Margaret Carr, Mervyn Romain, Peter Milner, Saul Mearns (ML North Area Parks Warden), Suzanne O'Callaghan, Terry Maher, Thomas Rooney, Tom Clarke.

2. Apologies for absence: Mark Hackett (Charlestown Councillor), Shirley McCardell (MCC Zest Harpurhey & Moston Hub Coordinator).

3. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting 11.7.2008 (Minutes dated 31.5.2009) agreed as true record.

4. Chair's Report. Joan refers to:

4.1 Lakeside Café – Members hope soon open for more than present 4 days a week.

4.2 Mini-bus tour 1.5.2009 visiting Wheels For All tracks in Warrington, Ellesmere Port & Liverpool, with view to possible dedicated cycle track at BHC.

4.3 Trustees – would like to see them participating more e.g. in Trust's sub-committees.

5. Treasurer's Report. Jean distributes BHCCAT 'Final 2008-09 Accounts' and 'Accounts 2009-10 Update' docs.

6. Secretary's Report. Peter summarizes BHCCAT activities / events / projects including Open Meetings (15.10.2008, 11.3.2009), All Abilities Cycling (several days each week), Arts Events (Teddy Bears Picnic 3.8.2008, Woodland Fairy Tale Play 6.9.2008, Carol Concert 12.12.2008), Nature Conservation (Saturdays), Guided Walks (Tuesdays). Draft of BHCCAT 'Boggart volunteers' flyer / poster distributed.

7. Coffin Dodgers' concerns. Thomas R, on behalf of Lakeside Café elderly regulars, concerned about uncleanliness: "Café windows covered with cobwebs... area in front of Café where people sit outside not been hosed down since Café reopened in March..."

8. ML Manager's Report. Kylie refers to several matters:

8.1 ML considering creating paid post to support volunteering in parks.

8.2 From July will be plain-clothed undercover enforcement officers in parks who can issue fixed penalty notices for dog poo & littering.

8.3 ML writing brief for commissioning of BHC Landscape Development Plan – "strategic document enabling bids for big funding" which could include e.g. new footbridge in clough below Fish Pond.

8.4 Re Valentine Brow Peace Garden beside Rochdale Road. 5 trees planted, 4 stolen – "contractors paying for replacement trees because work not been finished & handed over..."

8.5 Lakeside Café renovation cost just under £200K for new roof covering, new windows & doors, internal refurbishment including new furniture. Manchester Fayre (MCC catering arm) running Café as temporary measure.

8.6 Re site of now closed Booth Hall Children's Hospital adjacent to BHC across Charlestown Road. ML put in declaration of interest re 106 Agreement: planning obligation - legal agreement between developer & planning authority & any others that have an interest in the site – possible planning gain money from site development e.g. money for improvements in Clough.

9. Elected Trustees: Basil Curley, Gary McCaffery, Jean Finch, Joan Kavanagh, Ken Hill, Mark Hackett, Paul McCrystal, Peter Milner, Sam McCormick, Steve Hamilton, Suzanne O'Callaghan, Terry Maher, Thomas Rooney, Tom Clarke, Veronica Kirkpatrick.

10. Elected Trust Officers: Joan, Mark, Jean and Peter, re-elected Chair, Deputy Chair, Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

11. Forthcoming events. Teddy Bears Picnic, Woodland Fairy Tale Play & Lakeside concerts are being arranged.

12. Date of next Executive Committee Open Meeting left in abeyance.