

YORKSHIRE AND HUMBER ASSOCIATION OF CIVIC SOCIETIES

MEETING AT HULL 26th April 2025

1. Introduction – Margaret Hicks Clarke, YHACS Chair

Margaret welcomed members to Hull and thanked members of Hull CS for organising the meal and the walk earlier in the day.

Welcome from Hull Civic Society

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Apologies for Absence

Name	Society
Kevin Trickett	Wakefield
Brian Ward	Wakefield
Peter Spawforth	Wakefield
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Graeme Bassett	Grimsby
Alan Nicholson	Grimsby
Erica Amende	Spenn Valley
Colin Berry	Spenn Valley
Lynda Kitching	Leeds
Jenny Wright	Hornsea
Peter Coote	Doncaster
Malcolm Sharman	Hull

Minutes of the YHACS meeting held 7th October in Richmond

These were proposed by Rowena Mellows, seconded by John Clarke and agreed as a true record.

2. Matters arising

None

3. Chairman's report

Margaret had been busy with a number of visits. At Hornsea support was offered to the society in moving forward with a new committee.

At Ripon CS she had attended a good meeting on the new combined authorities with James Farrer, the Chief Exec of North Yorks and York as the guest speaker.

Whitby CS has appointed a new secretary and Bridlington CS has recruited new members.

A York and North Yorks workshop had been staged at York University on the new arrangements for civil engagement.

Margaret had attended the Yorkshire Society dinner and will be at the Heritage Summit in Skipton on 13th May.

Rob Hattersley has been appointed as Ian Harvey's replacement as chief executive of Civic Voice. There will be more CV-sponsored events as they become more active.

Re-establishing the CV Regional Committee is under consideration.

Work on the Heritage Lottery Bid is going ahead. Alan Goodrum has been analysing the YHACS Survey results.

6. Treasurer's Report

Position at 9th Jul 2024 reported by Jane Lee.

Membership

Current paid-up Societies = 32

Individuals =5

Societies still to pay= 6

The Richard Ward funds still need to be spent.

Guest Speakers

7. buildings in Hull. Hull had been badly bombed in the 1939-45 war but in the Old Town it was notable how much fine architecture had survived including many sea port buildings.

8. The second speaker was Rob Hattersley the newly appointed chief executive of Civic Voice. Rob assured members that progress was being made following the recent challenges. Office space has been acquired in Poundbury, Dorchester, but Rob will be on the road for meetings with civic societies and related organisations. An issue to be tackled early is membership, of both societies and individuals and membership of Civic Voice

9 Feedback from membership survey

Alan Goodrum detailed the analysis he had undertaken on the membership survey. It is still not too late to submit this.

10. Just a Minute

Addingham - Gill Battarbee thanked Hull CS members for their organisation of all the events on 25th and 26th April. The next YHACS meeting will be at Addingham.

Bridlington - it was reported that their constitution, drafted by a solicitor, needed updating and work was proceeding on that. There was concern about development in the High Street and proposals for a 14-storey residential block. The plan had been reduced to 8 storeys but was still considered too high. The Civic Society was represented on a number of Bridlington Groups.

Pontefract - Paul Cartwright reported that the society is publicising their activities for the rest of the year with a leaflet distribution and guided heritage walks.

Ilkley – David Blackburn emphasised the importance of local listed buildings and working with the local urban realm scheme or similar local organisation

Great Grimsby – The society is upgrading its website and working with NE Lincolnshire council and supporting their event with schools

11. AOB

None

12. Date of Next Meeting

July 26th at Addingham

List of attendees overleaf

Attendees

Name	Society
Margaret Hicks-Clarke	YHACS/Goole/Scarboro
John Clarke	YHACS/Goole/Scarboro
Alan Goodrum	YHACS/Halifax
Judy	(Guest)
Susan Russell	Halifax
Glen Bridgewood	Scarborough
Pete Bridgewood	Scarborough
Adrian Perry	Scarborough
Chris Perry	Scarborough
Dick Lidwell	Beverley
Chris Burrows	Beverley/York
Sarah Young	Beverley/York
Rob Hattersley	Civic Voice
Barry Goodchild	Civic Voice and Wakefield
Geoff Wood	Wakefield
Colin Martin	Wakefield
Sue Milsom	Grimsby
Peter Milsom	Grimsby
Rachel Walker	Goole
Stephen Walker	Goole
Paul Cartwright	Pontefract
Christin Cartwright	Pontefract
Martin Hamilton	Leeds
Helen Kidman	Ilkey
David Blackburn	Ilkey
Simon Green	Hull
John Scotney	Hull
Ian Pearson	Hull
Jane Lee	YHACS
Graham Roberts	Horbury
Robert Thraves	Brighouse
John Culpan	Brighouse
Andrew Morrison	York
David Moss	Selby
Jim Wildash	Selby
Rowena Mellows	Doncaster
Steve Kimber	Doncaster
Gill Battarbee	Addingham
Rick Battarbee	Addingham
Beryl Gallagher	Bridlington
Maureen Bell	Bridlington
Kat Norrby	Whitby
Edana Guest	Barnsley
AN OTHER	Barnsley
Colin Grant	Richmond
Tony Leonard	Individual

TOTAL = 46