

Hastings Old Town Residents Association

Minutes of the AGM held 7th May 2010 [425th meeting of the Association]

ATTENDANCE 71 members signed the Attendance sheets. Apologies were received from 8 other members.

PRESENTATION Dave Gibson our local road sweeper was thanked for all his work over the years. A gift was made to wish him well in his retirement. ALSO Leigh Dyer, local artist /metalsmith brought 2 of his sculptures that will be installed in the Chess Square and explained the design and making processes.

MINUTES of the 2009 AGM were agreed. There was no Matters Arising.

TREASURERS REPORT Nikki Port presented her 4th Annual Report and Accounts that had been independently scrutinised by Pixie Dorling. The figures for the year were significantly different as a result of the Awards for All grant of £10,000 and the Hastings B. Council additional works grant for improvements to the Chess Square. At 31 /3 / 10 £5,000 remained due to Leigh Dyer for when his works are installed. After questions the Report and Accounts were approved.

CHAIRMANS REPORT Dick Edwards report had been previously circulated to all Old Town households. Matters referred to included the changes on The Stade, Highways improvements at Rock A Nore Road and the A259, the Isabel Blackman Centre, Education – the newly opened Sussex Coast College, the extension of University Centre Hastings and the 2 new academies, car parking. Members raised the issue of the squeeze on funding for 6th forms, the lack of grants for 19 year olds and the difficulties arising from the displaced coaches.
The report was approved.

ELECTIONS [conducted by Steve Manwaring]

The following members were elected:

Officers Chairman - Dick Edwards; Treasurer - Nikki Port; Secretary – vacancy.

Management Committee Mary Alloway, Sue Bower, Shirley Hawley, Ann Novotny, June Prior, Elizabeth Stevens, Bruce Nicol [Planning brief], Phil White [Membership] + Kim Stallwood [Website] *co-opted*.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: The latest plans for inside Isabel Blackman Centre were shared with members.

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GUEST SPEAKERS Steve Manwaring [Director of Hastings Voluntary Action] talked about the new **Open Space and Community facilities on The Stade** which will open in 2011. Kevin Boorman HBC explained the internal plans for the building and future activities available for the whole of Hastings. After discussion the speakers were thanked. The meeting closed at 8.40.