

Hastings Old Town Residents Association

Minutes of a meeting of the Management Committee held 10-11-09

ATTENDANCE Present were Sue Bower Shirley Hawley Nikki Port Elisabeth Stevens
Bruce Nicol Kim Smallwood Philip White Dick Edwards; Cllr R Stevens
Apologies were received from A Novotny

MINUTES of 13-10-09 were agreed. MATTER ARISING Lloyds extension to the High Street pharmacy should be completed by 23rd November.

TREASURES REPORT NP stated that the current account is £1,607.16 with £5,536.63 in the Reserve account. 192 members had paid. After discussion about the style of Membership receipt card it was agreed that in future this would only show the actual year, not the financial year.

WEBSITE KS is working with NP on Membership records. An upgrade is to be completed by the Green IT Co.

CHAIRMANS REPORT DE reported:

- Isabel Blackman Centre – update on meetings – next at County Hall 16/11- but picture not looking good[copies of a letter from Hastings LSP had been circulated with the agenda]
- Meeting organised by VOSOP had looked at impact of personal budgets. A further meeting by Age Concern had discussed the Green Paper with Michael Foster MP responding.
- MUGA & Volleyball plans had been approved by the Charity Commission.
- Proposal for an Outdoor Gym was being prepared by DE for the Primary Care Trust to consider for funding.
- Academies debate - the meeting held 20/10 exposed the poor level of consultation with local communities. Nothing had been heard from the Stakeholder Reference group. It was agreed to take no further action for now.
- Council Tax 2010 -2011 is expected to rise about 2% on average but in the following 18 + months there are anticipated cuts in services of 10 – 15% which will have a big impact on public services.
- Employment in Hastings – the local Jobcentre had said the only vacancies in September locally were in Care work. There were no jobs available for the unskilled; over 100 'managers' were claiming JSA.

PLANNING ISSUES BN reported that 37 -41 George Street was the only application for a renewal of change of use from amusements to restaurant.

MEMBERS CONCERNS ES raised the issue of poor TV reception. After discussion it was felt that until the introduction of digital in 2012 little will alter.

FUTURE PROGRAMME Committee 8/12@ Bruce, 12/1 @Dicks, 9/2@ Sues

A special New Year newsletter will be produced for all Old Town households