

Hastings Old Town Residents Association

MINUTES of a meeting held 12/4/11

ATTENDANCE present were Sue Bower Kate Francis Shirley Hawley Ann Novotny Nikki Port June Prior Elizabeth Stevens Bruce Nicol Kim Stallwood Phil White Dick Edwards + Jill Bradley [observer].

Apologies received from Cllr John Hodges Cllr Richard Stevens.

MINUTES of 8/3/11 agreed. ARISING JH is waiting for a meeting of the Stables Theatre to consider our request for a childrens playground on High Street frontage. Reply from Harold Road Surgery about NHS changes but none from Roebuck.

REPORTS – TREASURER NP gave her last report before moving. Draft accounts for year ending 31/3/11 were accepted. Nikki was thanked for all her work over the last 5 years. After debate it was agreed to accept quote from Bluefin Insurance for public liability cover etc. Subscriptions – agreed to ask AGM to vote on increase to £10 per person starting January 2011.

MEMBERSHIP PW presented a written report. Agreed to work hard to recruit more members.

WEBSITE KS now issuing regular emails. Paypal system now in place.

CHAIRMANS REPORT

AGM – special newsletter delivery. NP to be nominated as Examiner of Accounts. Elections – all officer posts covered but 9 nominations for 6+2 Management Committee positions.

Storytelling Festival – pilot event **Trial by Story** 29th April – work team and tasks agreed. Need to secure more ticket sales for the 2 sessions.

Hastings Community Network – Kate Francis nominated for their Executive elections.

Coastal Users Group Jill Bradley elected as new rep with SB / AN as reserves.

Hastings Voluntary Action moving into Jackson Hall, Portland Place. A 'community asset' transfer. Letter of congratulations and good wishes to be sent.

Domestic Violence – worrying new statistics for East Hastings for Jan – June 2010. Support services are still available.

Seafront Fitness Trail – bid to Lottery unsuccessful.

High Street Pavements – decision by ESCC to drop plan to provide a new footway at the start of the High Street was **not acceptable**. Agreed to press together with changes outside OT Hall Museum.

PLANNING MATTERS BN reported on lobbying about proposed new house at 68 Croft Road. After long debate decided to remain neutral. Idea for a new bar/restaurant above Trade Paints opposed by all.

MEMBERS CONCERNS – unstable memorial stones in closed graveyard near Gloucester Cottages-HBC to be asked to resolve. Cyclists on pavements becoming numerous. Dogs being walked off their lead around Love Lane. Pavements in George Street and High Street need a scrub. Retirement of landlord at Royal Standard – agreed to write a letter of thanks and good wishes to George Payne.

FUTURE PROGRAMME – Storytelling Festival 29th April 2 sessions 4.00 and 7.00. AGM 6th May.

Management Committee 10/5 @ PW; 14/6 @ SB. Allotment Party Sunday 17th July tickets £10.