

## Hastings Old Town Residents Association - Minutes of Meeting of 14 June 2011

### **Present**

Dick Edwards, Kim Stallwood, Elizabeth Stevens, Shirley Hawley, Kate Francis, Cllr John Hodges, Michael Lambrechts, Jill Bradley, June Prior

### **Apologies for Absence**

Ann Novotny, Sue Bower, Cllr John Hodges, Phil White, Kate Francis

**Minutes of 10 May** agreed.

### **Matters Arising**

#### Reports

*Treasurer's Report:* Phil to email this.

*Website:* Kim will email newsletter by the end of June include tel. numbers of local police.

*Pier:* Jill gave a summary of the 4 June meeting on the Pier (notes on the website). Much discussion and ideas; Richard backed transport along promenade (land train, rickshaw rides run by students) and will speak to HBC if HOTRA support this. **Add to next meeting's agenda.**

*Old Town Hall Museum:* Bruce reported HBC are funding it for two years, how could HOTRA support it? £50,000 annually to support services and employees salaries. Next meeting 17 June. Various ideas discussed, Anne Scott reported at AGM OHPS would get involved if necessary. Improve tourist information so students learn more from their visit (Bruce's Old Town Game more widely used). Another cash machine there? **Add to next meeting's agenda.**

### **Chairman's Report**

#### HOTRA Year Plan Ideas

1. Ice rink on Stade community space
2. BBQ - involve the fishermen
3. East Hill outdoor festival - Hollywood-style sign for summer season, possible golf course. Access concerns: park & ride with free lift? June talking about development potential at Friends of the Country Park AGM on 24 June. Temporary events, Time Team dig?
4. Winkle Island - HOTRA should support it as Old Town focal point with good information board like the Butlers Gap one Dennis Collins produced.
5. New or existing small buildings for artists/artisans studios, also an all-weather market.
6. Footprint trail around the Old Town similar to London's Jubilee Gardens, costumed events on the Stade, i.e. pirates, street theatre, more Happy Harold.

#### Storytelling Festival Update

Dick sent report to the *Observer* after last meeting (thanks to Kate for her 'support'), and will firm up funding application for November programme. Italian Way suggestion of £10-15 for meal + storytelling, enough attendance in November? Other events around Jerwood opening.

#### High Street Petition

Many thanks to Shirley, Don and Elizabeth for their help, about 400 signatures so far. Anne Scott happy to have a petition at the History House. Petition to be handed in to Jeremy Birch at end of July for him to present to ESCC for April 2012 programme. Kim to include in e-newsletter.

#### Blooming Old Town

Ann Novotny praised for all her help in the Open Gardens for Old Town Week in support of St Michael's Hospice. HOTRA to support new Hastings In Bloom.

### Cahoots Licence Application

Longer hours wanted, including off sales. 2 June HBC meeting saw 4 new licence applications for the Stade (there are already 4 pubs in the vicinity). HOTRA do not support Cahoots bid.

### St Mary in the Castle

MyPlace funding is still frozen and looks unlikely. [still some slight chance they will succeed]. Dick to write to Jeremy Birch about its long-term future. All applauded Brenda's wonderful job, hopefully she will re-tender for longer contract.

### Creative Partnerships

Work with young people in schools victim of latest Government cuts, local leader keen to encourage us with storytelling events.

### **Planning**

Bruce passed around various planning items, no action required. The garden at the rear of 130 All Saints St. belongs to Amicus Horizon who were approached about clearing it up without success. Residents of 139 and 140 have done it after HBC confirmed no planning permission required. Vote of thanks to Judy Wycherly for her help.

### **Members Concerns**

Hastings Wall residents complaining about bottle bank noise. Re-site at back of amusements/ boating lake, protect access and stop more development? Richard/John/Dick to look at this.

Thanks to June for cleaning up the phone box at the end of All Saints Crescent, new planters etc.

Cycle route to be signposted, more cyclists will cause risks to pedestrians. Concerns noted.

Disabled parking along Rock-a-Nore Road from the Dolphin pub over the traffic lights causing problems (blue badge holders can park for 3 hours). Core period needed for loading.

New EAT café on the Stade, food & furniture not very good, comments on bad building design, doesn't appeal, but very family-oriented. Official opening on 18 June.

Cinque Ports Arms sign repainted incorrectly. Elizabeth to talk to Dennis Collins.

### **Future Programme**

Next Coastal Users Group on 12 July, Jill to attend.

Allotment Party 24 July, raffle prizes on the day please. Tickets from beginning of July c/o Sue Bower at Nelson Antiques. **Add to next meeting's agenda.**

Next Management Committee meeting 11/7 at June's (1 All Saints Crescent), 9/8, 13/9 at Sue's.

### **Parish News Items**

Suggestion of Brewery Yard being used for car parking, including weekends, with parking meters. Dick will write to the Parking Services Manager. John Hodges confirmed lift-up post could be used at the beginning of Courthouse Street compliant with disability requirements.

### **AOB**

Jill requested notification of any part-time admin/shop jobs (email or phone 721642 please).