

Hastings Old Town Residents Association - Minutes of Meeting of 9 November 2011

Present

Dick Edwards, Kim Stallwood, Elizabeth Stevens, Kate Francis, Cllr Richard Stevens, Jill Bradley, Sue Bower, Ann Novotny, Phil White, Kate Francis, Bruce Nichol, Cllr John Hodges, Michael Lambrechts, Shirley Hawley

Apologies for Absence

June Prior

Minutes of 11 October agreed.

Matters Arising none.

Reports

Secretary: nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: two new members. New forms still not received from Santander. Change to Co-op Bank when this is resolved was agreed.

Website: nothing to report. Kim attended two HVA workshops on large and small grant funding. **Action: Kim to write a summary to circulate to the Committee.** HOTRA may be eligible for small grants up to £10,000 for stand-alone projects, no time limit but must be in consultation with local community. **Action all: let Kim know of any ideas please.** John mentioned money may be available from the Paul Getty Trust which is closing.

Hastings Community Network: nothing to report.

Chairman's Report

20 October Open Meeting (see HOTRA website for minutes)

Lots of email addresses obtained, **action Dick to pass them to Kim.** Dick was thanked for his forbearance and handling of the meeting which was slightly high jacked by one or two traders. Sub-Committee to be set up, Brendan at Swan House has already volunteered to represent tourism. Michael to represent HOTRA with Dick, Sue, Richard and John, and invite Chris Tree from ESCC. Sue felt HOTRA mis-interpreted traders, groundswell of opinion against safety issues. Many felt it worked as is, "if it's not broken don't mend it". Few people supported it. Discussion of various concerns of safety/profit/ Parking etc. John mentioned ESCC contracting out parking to NCP next year, this will be opposed, but would be far more restrictive than at present. "Shared space" scheme possible, Kate has put link from minutes on HOTRA website to site giving research into this.

Storytelling Festival

Volunteers needed to help with chairs and handing out feedback forms at each event.

Date	Venue	Time/Volunteers
Wednesday 9 November	Hastings Arts Forum	5.30 to 7.30 - Dick
Saturday 12 November	FISH Gallery	10.45/11 to 12 3 to 4.30
Saturday 12 November	Children's Library	2.00
Saturday 12 November	Stade Hall/EAT Café	6.45 to 8
Sunday 13 November	Fishermen's Museum	1+2 - Kate 3+4 Sue and Michael
Thursday 17 November	UCH Canteen	
Friday 18 November	Italian Way	

Saturday 19 November	Stade Hall	10 for 11 - Sue and Jill 2 - Elizabeth 4 - Phil
Saturday 19 November	FISH Gallery	11 3
Sunday 20 November	Fishermen's Museum	1 - Bruce 2 - Kate 3 - Elizabeth 4 - Sue
Sunday 20 November	Closing session at Hastings Art Forum	5.30 to 7.30 - Dick

Remembrance Parade, Alexandra Park Sunday 13 November

Michael will attend to represent HOTRA.

London Trader Licence

Hearing held two weeks ago. Licence will be traditional pub licence - no extended hours or live music.

Vandalism

Small fire in the MUGA (repairs cost £520 + VAT), and section of seating set alight in Butlers Gap (repairs from HBC budget). All expressed view this was unacceptable and depressing.

Planning: Nothing to report.

Members Concerns

What can be done about 12-14 year olds street drinking at events like the Bonfire?

Better signage needed for new toilets on the Stade.

Fishing beach and net shops should be registered as World Heritage Site. **Action: Richard and**

John to speak to HBC.

Concern that new signage at the top of Croft Road is understood by foreign coach drivers. International highway code symbols needed.

More dog poo bins needed, bags are now being left on Old Town pavements.

Phillip Cole freehold ground sold by HBC to private buyer apparently without residents' knowledge - they could have bought it for £2,500. New buyer must adhere to maintenance requirements, i.e. sewers, drainage, etc.

Possible weekend parking in old brewery yard off Roebuck Street mentioned again.

Closure of All Saints Street for Southern Water, High Street next? Will be very disruptive.

WI market folk concerned at no parking in Stables Theatre car park for two hours Friday mornings.

Sue has a contact who has a Victorian sewer map of the Old Town. See Sue if needed.

Courthouse Street - John has asked Police/ESCC to reverse traffic thus stopping rat-run. Yes?

Items for Parish News

Dick will include items about the 20 October Open Meeting, Storytelling Festival and London Trader.

Future Programme

13 December at Sinnock Cottage (Bruce), 10 January at Nelson House Antiques (Sue).

AOB

Post-meeting item from Dick: there is an event at the Electric Palace Wed 30 Nov at 8pm featuring Roland Jarvis who we are supporting in May with an exhibition in the Stade Hall.