

## **Minutes of the HOTRA Management Committee held 13/3/12 at 8-and-a-half Exmouth Place**

ATTENDANCE Kate Francis Bruce Nicol Michael Lambrechts Sue Bower Shirley Hawley Kim Stallwood Phil White Cllr Richard Stevens Dick Edwards [notes]. Apologies- E Stevens A Novotny J Bradley J Prior Cllr J Hodges.

MINUTES of 14/2/12 were agreed. No MATTERS ARISING

REPORTS – Treasurer – Santander accounts Reserve-£1,042.28; Current-£546.45; Coop £2558 [includes £1,800 grants received for 2012 Storytelling Festival] Complaint to FSA still pending + still unable to access Reserve account. Membership 143 paid including 23 at the Jerwood opening. KS + PW to meet to revise Paypal etc. F.L.A.G. subgroups have not met yet Highways – ML reported on last meeting. Petition to ESCC to be presented 26/3 by DE.

Chairmans Report –

- Winkle Island working group – initial decisions taken on paving, seating etc.
- Storytelling Festival 2011 - loss of £362. Final payment due from Arts Council. Mandy Curtis appointed Creative Director 2012.
- Stade Saturdays – extensive programme for summer [£150k from Arts Council, matched by HBC Area Based Grants]. Agreed KS to put details on our website. + AGM + Roland Jarvis exhibition + Quentin Blake talk.
- Academies Local Advisory Panel – concerns to be raised at Local Strategic Partnership.
- Moreton Centre consultation about new commercial partner.
- High Street Christmas lights – several letters /emails about delays in taking down.
- Torfield Close – remodelling of bedsits – concerns over process of asking tenants.
- Trade Paints Garden – up-grade to enhance future commercial activity.
- Eat Global Festival 24-31/3 including Levi Roots at St Mary.i.t.Castle 29/3 @7.30
- International Composers Festival 24-26/8 organised by Polo Piatti. HOTRA to endorse
- Jerwood Gallery – letter of thanks to Alan Grieve + flowers to staff

PLANNING BN reported on Salters Lane/Love Lane proposal. Agreed to oppose. BN to write.

MEMBERS CONCERNS Italian Way roundabout – HOTRA to suggest a sculpture by Leigh Dyer with fishing theme. Inadequate notices for new toilets. Swan Gardens noticeboard.

FUTURE PROGRAMME Committee 10/4@ Anns – to consider AGM business; 8/5@ Sues to consider HOTRA Year Plan.

SPECIAL NEWSLETTER TO BE DISTRIBUTED FOR AGM etc

Phil was thanked for his hospitality.