

Minutes of HOTRA Committee Meeting 10 April 2012

Attendees: Dick Edwards, Sue Bower, Kim Stallwood, Bruce Nichol, Elizabeth Stevens, Cllr. Richard Stevens, Ann Novotny, Jill Bradley, Kate Francis

Apologies: Phil White, Cllr. John Hodges, Shirley Hawley, June Prior, Michael Lambrechts

Minutes of 14 February: accepted.

Matters arising: None.

Reports:

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: A vote of thanks was proposed to PW for his continuing hard work and patience re ongoing problems with Santander. HOTRA is now in the hands of the financial ombudsman and we now have access to the account. PW is working on a report for the AGM which JB volunteered to read out in his absence.

Hastings Community Network: KF will email to committee relevant and interesting items from Strategic Partnership Meetings.

Website: nothing to report.

Roebuck Surgery Patient Participation Group: DE attended meeting in absence of AN. Roebuck surgery belongs to doctors not NHS. Concern that building isn't fully accessible to those with disabilities. AN will attend next meeting.

Chairman's Report:

AGM: JB to read accounts and SB to read membership report in absence of PW, SB and AN on door. Anyone wishing to attend Quentin Blake talk after AGM to pay £10 per head. Proposals in hand if ballot is needed for elections.

Roland Jarvis exhibition: stewards needed 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 5 -9 May. If any committee members can help please notify DE (SB volunteered for 8 May). KS volunteered to post rota request and details on Hastings Creatives site.

High Street petition: presented to ESCC on 26 March.

East Hill gorse fire 22 March: concern re handling of evacuation of houses by Police. Perceived lack of co-ordination between Fire Brigade and Police. DE has spoken to Senior Fire Officer about this and will also speak to HBC Emergency Planning Officer.

Storytelling Festival: draft programme agreed. Application to Arts Council for about 70% of funding.

Saturday 12 May @ 7.30 p.m. on Stade Open Space: performance by Crafternoon Tea Club - any offers for participants?

Risk Assessment: should be on next year's Work Plan.

Planning:

Salters Lane new build, setting a precedent? HOTRA objected.

Museum Advisory Group: BN concerned at continued lack of interest/ideas from group. Footfall increased at Old Town Museum, tourist information facilities vital - but does it have a future?. Decreased visitor numbers at main museum.

Members Concerns:

Flooring in Turners grocery store in bad state, could be dangerous. DE to have a word.

Committee deplored Network Rail's suspension of rail service over Easter.

Street drinkers in St Clements and Swan Gardens - Seeview Charity will be looking into this. Cllr. Hodges is aware of this.

Kerbs in poor repair.

DE wrote to Stables Theatre re their refusal to allow WI to park in their car park on Friday mornings for Friday Market (leaving at 11.30) despite their £100 annual contribution. JH also wrote and DE attended recent AGM. Stables parking control is enforced between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Stables finally replied they could not allow any exceptions. DE will write again, emphasising their action is not community minded and asking them to reconsider.

Future Programme:

Management Committee:

8/5 at Sue's. agenda items to include a) allotment party, b) what wider projects HOTRA takes on as a resident's association, c) HOTRA's Year Plan.

6/6 at Ann's.

AOB: none.