

## Minutes of HOTRA Committee Meeting 8 May 2012

**Attendees:** Dick Edwards, Sue Bower, Kim Stallwood, Bruce Nichol, Elizabeth Stevens, Jill Bradley, Kate Francis, Cllr. John Hodges, Shirley Hawley, Michael Lambrechts

**Apologies:** Phil White, June Prior, Ann Novotny, Richard Stevens

**Minutes of 10 April:** accepted.

### **Matters arising:**

*Stables Theatre:* before lease is signed proposals for wider community use will be considered.

*Allotment Party:* date in September considered at say £5 per head members, £8 non-members. Tush & Pat's fish rolls + vegetarian option suggested. Shared with another event? **Action: DE**

### **Reports:**

*Secretary's Report:* Nothing to report.

*Treasurer's Report:* correspondence with financial ombudsman continuing. Main account now moved to Co-operative Bank.

*Hastings Community Network:* KF has sent circulated report.

*Website:* nothing to report.

*FLAG:* ML attended instead of PW. Should HOTRA get involved in lobbying re unacceptable quotas? Government responsible for quota allocation not Brussels. Funding tight for future Seafood & Wine Festivals. Herring Festival organised for 23 November.

*Roebuck Surgery Patient Participation Group:* new website to be listed in June Parish News.

*Coastal Users Group:* meeting called for 19 April to support revised proposals of the Hastings Pier and White Rock Trust to Foreshore Trust for a new community showroom to be erected on promenade within White Rock Baths area. Lease would be 20 years at a peppercorn rent. Funding application deadline of 27 April. Copy of proposal plus appendices were circulated. No HOTRA representation due to short notice. JB to report results when available. **Action: JB**

### **Chairman's Report:**

*AGM debrief:* Should new Councillor Dawn Poole and John Hodges both be on committee, one joint ward report? 9 subscription renewals at AGM plus 1 new member. Concern raised at £10 membership fee per person. After discussion, ideas put forward as to how HOTRA should raise profile of what we do for that fee. Will be further discussed at next meeting. Some comment from non-members at £10 for guest speaker. This was publicised in the Parish News and Hastings Observer.

**Action: next meeting agenda**

### *Year Plan:*

1. Secure bike store agreed.
2. Work in hand with High Street Traders re pedestrian safety.
3. Joint working with Winkle Club re upgrading Winkle Island.
4. Pelham play space for younger children in hand.
5. Other seafront wish list = outdoor table tennis, paddling pool in part of boating lake. Other ideas needed for area from bouncy castle to access road for Lifeboat Station. Consult with residents?  
**Action: next meeting agenda**
6. Storytelling Festival in November - Post of Creative Director funded by HBC. festival to stand-alone from HOTRA as soon as possible now grant funding in place.
7. Commercial - DE and JH to walk around Old Town to judge situation. **Action: DE & JH.** Old Town Museum - ongoing. Parking - ongoing.

### *Other Ideas for HOTRA to work on:*

Put HOTRA's achievements on website, i.e. "What HOTRA is doing for me". KS to bring forward details of how the website can be improved. **Action: KS**

*George Street nightclub application to open to 4 a.m. all week:* DE to write with HOTRA's opposition.

**Action: DE**

*Result of London Trader appeal:* music allowed Sunday afternoon only, security in place.

*East Hill gorse fires:* Police and Fire Brigade met and agreed clearer procedures needed.

*Seniors Forum Conference on 24 May:* ES representing HOTRA. **Action: ES**

**Planning:**

Salters Lane new build - JH reported application re-heard after site visit. He strongly opposed on behalf of residents, HOTRA objected as have OHPS.

**Members Concerns:**

- Lorries mounting pavement in High Street and speeding generally.
- Concern that Roland Jarvis exhibition at Stade Hall commercial event, sales could be seen to be sponsored by HOTRA. Precedent could be set by supporting a particular artist in this way. Committee agreed this will not occur again.
- Problems **after** Jack-in-the-Green on Bank Holiday Monday. Groups of youngsters street drinking, drunken behaviour etc. Shops selling alcohol and pubs to be encouraged to have staff supervising outside premises and contribute to cost of cleaning. Great shame minority spoil day for majority as event very popular, responsibly organised. DE to write to HBC. **Action: DE**
- Cleaning around Go-Karts area needs improving.
- High Street Traders have road closure for antiques market in June. Such events should be encouraged to be held on Stade Open Space.

**Future Programme:**

Management Committee: 6/6 at Ann's, 11/7 at Sue's.

**AOB:** none.