

**HASTINGS OLD TOWN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION  
COMMITTEE MEETING 8 OCTOBER 2013**

**Apologies:** June Prior, Kate Francis, Cllr Dawn Poole, Cllr John Hodges, Shirley Hawley, Ann Novotny

**Attendees:** Dick Edwards, Jill Bradley, David Woolf, Elizabeth Stevens, Bruce Nicol, Harris Woodcock, Phil White, Richard Stevens

**Minutes of 3 September Committee Meeting and any Matters Arising:** Minutes agreed. (*It was noted that KF and JH were at an Older People's Services Meeting*)

**Treasurer's Report**

HOTRA Co-op Bank A/C £759.78, Storytelling A/C £3,401.80. 163 paid-up members.

*FLAG representation:* PW has resigned. RS volunteered to take over in December after hols. £10,000 from European funds was allocated for new fish market, special bulldozers and kitchen fit-out as part of on-going Stade development. Nothing happened re "Kitchen by the Sea". Concern time limit for money to be spent will expire.

**Secretary's Report:** JB gave summary of minutes of 110/9 Coastal Users Group (please see attached). Hastings Castle improvements proposal agreed before English Heritage approval sought ..... Hastings Week programmes available, OHPS talk at History House on 12<sup>th</sup> at 5.30pm: "Sidney Little: A Man of Vision, Not Just A Concrete King". Tickets £2.50 each.

**Hastings Community Network:** no report as KF away.

**Website:** DW keen to progress logo for residents and traders window stickers. Suggested Rowena Riley, Sussex University art student here who produced good linocut design for Seafood & Wine Festival. Cost approximately £475 for linocut of HOTRA logo (incl. smaller one for membership cards) and limited edition of 20 for sale. All agreed she should be asked to provide sketches which DW will email to Committee for quick yes/no. Also shopping discount/free glass wine etc. by participating traders for HOTRA membership card holders agreed. Thanks to DW. **Action DW**

**Chairman's Report**

*Clean Seas Please! Campaign:* DE has learned Southern Water responsible for 83 beaches, 41 will comply with new regulations by 2020! Not good enough by far! Worst complaint ratio of any water authority. HBC need a push to insist SW do something NOW. JB volunteered to help DE set up 7 pm meeting at Stade Hall on 18 October. Attendance sheets and membership forms will be available. JH will attend with other HBC representation. **Action DE/JB**

*Older People's Services:* 5 centres proposed for demolition. Isobel Blackman most expensive to run. ESCC still don't understand it is vital, especially for older people on their own. East Sussex has largest number of dementia patients in the country. Only provision left would be Eastbourne. Concern that money spent on doing up IBC only two years ago. DE/DW to ensure online petition signatures are included in HOTRA one for submission by 14 October. **Action DE/DW**

*ESCC Highways Exhibition Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 2pm - 8pm, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 10am - 4pm at St Mary Star of the Sea:* all urged to go. HW commented 25 attended High Street Traders meeting about this. Conclusions: want road sharing pilot scheme (priority for pedestrians), no reversal of traffic in High Street, no alteration to pavement at end of High Street. **Action All**

*DE's walkabout with ESCC and JH:* extra parking spaces found: 3 in All Saints Street plus 2 if current fire brigade bay be shortened by 1 car to still allow access for ambulances; near bus stop by All Saints Church and further down The Bourne; and in Winding Street. 20-30 in total.

*HBC Estates:* a) HBC had to re-purchase freehold of house when owner died; b) proposal to build three affordable houses on land at Rock-a-Nore opposite Blue Reef. HOTRA's proposal for BMX track there refused four years ago. Yet to go to planning. OHPS objected - problems with parking, another development left half-

finished as happened with hotel/apartments? Also considered part of Country Park. DE to seek clarification on what housing occupants will be, and support OHPS and object - there are alternative uses to which land should be put. **Action DE**

**Planning:** nothing of concern.

### **Members Concerns**

- RS on holiday from 16/10 to 6/12.
- Line of containers by Flamingo Amusements - apparently part of Coastal Currents ....
- JB to send get-well card to SH on behalf of HOTRA Committee.
- Is scaffolding in Bourne Passage safe? Needs lights as evenings darker earlier. How long for?
- Rotting piano outside 57 High Street needs removing.
- Gate installed both ends of passageway between The Albion pub and Boulevard Books. HOTRA understands this was designated a public right of way four years ago.
- When will Crown gastro pub open? Work on house at back causing traffic problems.
- Motor caravan parked outside Unicorn House. Owner's mother applied for disabled parking bay which he now uses. Difficult problem and difficult owner.
- Please continue to contact JH re paving/kerb concerns.

### **Future Programme**

Next meetings: 13/11 @ Harris's, 27 George Street (entrance in West Street).

10/12 @ Bruce's

### **AOB - Hastings Storytelling Festival Update**

Going from strength to strength and attracting quite a few grants. DE handed out programmes for distribution, 11,000 printed as much interest outside Hastings. DW working hard on the website.

Meeting finished at 8.40 p.m. Thanks to Phil for his hospitality.