

**HASTINGS OLD TOWN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION  
COMMITTEE MEETING 11 FEBRUARY 2014**

**Apologies:** June Prior, David Woolf, Richard Stevens, Harris Woodcock

**Attendees:** Dick Edwards, Jill Bradley, Elizabeth Stevens, Bruce Nicol, Cllr John Hodges, Cllr Dawn Poole, Ann Novotny, Phil White, Kate Francis, Shirley Hawley

**Minutes of 14 January Committee Meeting and any Matters Arising:** Minutes agreed.

Roebuck bench: JH will chase HBC for progress report, and re bus route map/town information map needed at Hastings station. Walkabout with JH and Marcus Berrisford ("Grotbusters" control officer): list of 20 properties needing work, land registered owners will be notified. Several include Amicus Horizon properties. DE has made application for £390 from HBC Small Businesses Account to cover cost of website hacking if needed.

**Action: JH**

**Secretary's Report:** nothing to report.

**Treasurer's Report**

HOTRA Co-op Bank A/C £923.85 plus £160 to be paid in. Four donations and eight prints (Rowena Riley's for HOTRA logo). 1135 paid-up members. More members please - **Action: all**

**Hastings Community Network:** KF circulated leaflets from recent housing meeting (Community Links East Sussex, Homeworks, Winter Home Check, Hastings Housing Access Project).

**Website:** many thanks to DW for his work on website and traders link.

**Chairman's Report**

*Alleyway at rear of 30-31 George Street:* concerns voiced that traders should be consulted **before** any HBC action taken otherwise other/all twitters could be locked. Compromise of leaving it open during daylight hours, locked after dark feasible. DE to propose this to traders' chair. **Action: DE**

*Isobel Blackman Centre negotiations:* one other organisation may be interested. Staff terms and conditions and transfer details still being discussed.

*Street lighting changes:* exhibition re Old Hastings to be held at Old Town Hall Museum on Saturday 8 March 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Existing lamp standards to remain. LED lights much more economical, but will they distribute light sufficiently? **Action: all to attend**

*Calendar of events:* HBC not producing free one as in previous years. JH to progress this. Old Town map suggested showing shops etc., DE to ask Peter Smith's permission for HOTRA to reprint/put on website.

**Action: DE**

*Bus lay-byes by Harold Road:* JH will make more enquiries. Balance is needed between having a bus lay-by and accessing more much-needed parking. **Action: JH**

*ESCC Highways decision 27/1 re High Street:* 70 page report published on 27/1, very detailed and sensitive to all varying viewpoints, good job by ESCC. Shared space scheme too expensive. Second footpath to be made between John The Cobbler and Fagins, different colour scheme where George Street joins High Street to warn end of pedestrian precinct. Big kerb outside Old Town Hall Museum to be reduced. One parking space will be lost outside Turners, some parking gained opposite Museum.

**Planning:**

Nothing to report, apart from anticipated opening of The Crown in All Saints Street as gastro pub this spring.

**Members Concerns**

- BN reported nasty racist/sexist note left under gate. Reported to Police (PC Mark Charlton). Also

- mentioned concerns re abandoned mobile home.
- Landlord of London Trader applying again to vary licence conditions. DE will object on behalf of HOTRA, on-line petition to be put on website.
  - Large landslip at Ecclesbourne Glen, path closed before worst of weather. Inspection to be done when weather improves and water table reduces.
  - Customers standing two-deep outside Porters Wine Bar, noisy, blocking pavement.
  - Black gull-proof rubbish bags not to be left out after collection as these block pavements and are unsightly. Report any to waste collection centre.
  - Contact JH re broken paving/kerbs with description of street and house number.
  - JH confirmed scaffolding on corner of All Saints Street/Waterloo Passage inspected and not deemed dangerous.
  - AN reported personal on-going injury at Jerwood Gallery due to poor visibility of glass door. Small oval decoration insufficiently visible in strong sunlight. Reported to Gallery staff. JH suggested she asks Mike Hepworth at HBC for information re risk assessment and talks to Liz Gilmore, Gallery Director.
  - BN's Linco Lingo game going online, details also in Parish News. DW putting on HOTRA website.
  - Concern was expressed that range of choice of quality dining options not as strong as it should be in the Old Town.
  - JB mentioned *Clean Seas Please!* online petition has been put on website.

### **AGM**

**7pm on Friday 9 May at Stade Hall.** Clive Galbraith, Chair of Chamber of Commerce, to be asked to be guest speaker.

### **Future Programme**

Next meetings: Tuesday 11 March at David's (127 All Saints Street), 8 April at Phil's (tbc)

Meeting finished at 8.45 p.m. Thanks to Anne for her hospitality.