

HASTINGS OLD TOWN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING 10 NOVEMBER 2015

Apologies: Phil White, Bruce Nicol, Richard Stevens

Attendees: Dick Edwards, Jill Bradley, Ann Novotny, Cllr. John Hodges, Richard Platt, Shirley Hawley, Elizabeth Stevens, Satu Pitkanen (observer).

Welcome to ESCCllr. Tania Charmin.

Minutes of 6 October and any Matters Arising not listed below

Minutes were agreed with correction: line 6 should read "(Quotes from 2013/2014 leaflet)".

Brown bin garden waste collection scheme: JB was pleased to report that after her 4th phoned complaint on 26 October, garden waste was collected separately on 9 October. Thanks to JH for his support. Hopefully that's the end of the matter

Brewery Yard: DE awaiting response from HBC. HOTRA will press for its continued use as an industrial unit (including preservation of Autism UK centre). OHPS are trying to get old Brewery building listed. The site would require archaeological investigation.

Urbanisation Award given to Hastings recently for good community working, use of buildings and new developments.

Reports

Secretary's Report - nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Bank balance is £ with £108.95 to pay in. 184 members with two new ones.

Website: RP is making progress. SP has included more events on Old Town Portal. Regular update in Parish News beginning in January would be a good idea. Instagram feed doing well with 100 members.

Chairman's Report

Foreshore Trust/Hastings Council |(answers to DE's questions at AGM :What monies did HBC pay for use of the Open Space? No response, JH will chase. *Future Management options - Will the community be involved in the consultation and future oversight?* Option at Coastal Users Group to comment insufficient, but JB to ask questions at 17 November CUG AGM.

Old Town Surgery, review of outcome of 6 November meeting: very positive meeting, over 60 attendees, no-one against proposals. Too much time spent on parking concerns? DE to contact Dr Craig Namvar to offer help from JH.

HBC Licensing Policy: DE had no response to HOTRA's submission. JH to ask for update.

Old Town Hall Museum: New Trust body to be set up to take over future work. That takes time, will HBC wait? Lots of unanswered questions.

Hastings 950th celebrations - why don't plans include display of Hastings Embroidery? Most planned events are in September (950th anniversary is of course 14 October ...). and appear art-based, where's the history? JH shares our concerns.

Planning

34 The Croft: Planning Application declined by HBC.

Ecclesbourne Glen: application for voltaic panels on shed refused by Historic England (formerly English Heritage) as it is on an ancient monument (hill fort, one rampart encloses caravan park). Public Enquiry to be held at 10 a.m. on 20 January 2016 at Stade Hall.

Members' Concerns

- Traffic lights in Rock-a-Nore Road appear to change only for cars not bicycles.

- Street cleaning after Bonfire not done, broken glass on steps and road in All Saints Street. Only cleaned up late Monday after phone call to HBC. Clearing of wet leaves on pavements and twittens needs urgent attention. Safety hazard for all. JH to chase.
- Random collection of bottles for recycling in The Croft.
- Large pots on lower pavement in All Saints Street restricting use.
- Shrubs etc. need frequent trimming on land by bus stop in Harold Road. Restricts view of traffic turning from The Bourne into All Saints Street.
- 10 parking spaces lost with continuing delays in building work at Marine Parade. Why can't Pay & Display places on roadway outside The Bourne car park be designated for residents? Cllr. TC commented 276 spaces are available, but 380 permits have been issued. Are permit holders returning them if they leave the Old Town?

Future Programme:

Tuesday 8 December at Bruce's, Sinnock Cottage

Tuesday 12 January, venue tba

Items for Parish News: 6 November meeting re Roebuck Surgery move, parking.

Meeting finished at 8.30 p.m. Thanks to Dick for his hospitality.