

HASTINGS OLD TOWN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING 8 DECEMBER 2015

Apologies: Phil White, Richard Stevens, Richard Platt, Cllr. John Hodges, Satu Pitkanen

Attendees: Dick Edwards, Jill Bradley, Bruce Nicol, Ann Novotny, Cllr. Dawn Poole, Shirley Hawley, Elizabeth Stevens.

Welcome to ESCCllr. Tania Charmin.

Minutes of 10 November and any Matters Arising not listed below

Minutes were agreed.

Hastings has been allocated a new Shannon class lifeboat. Excellent news!

No further information regarding Brewery Yard

Reports

Secretary's Report:

Coastal Users Group: minutes of 17 November's AGM are attached with these minutes.

Hastings & St Leonards Museum Association: JB attended their 6 December AGM. "The Story of Hastings in 66 Objects" exhibition opens on 25 June as part of Route 66 celebrations. The Museum ask for votes **before 31 January** for the most important local stories in their short survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/79PCM9L>, the Museum's Facebook page, or complete a paper copy at the Museum. Please take time to complete this and be involved in the Story. Also, as part of Route 66 objects from Old Town Hall Museum's pre-history collection will be displayed in the Baird Gallery. Good news for those of us concerned about when the OTHM's objects will be seen.

Treasurer's Report: Bank balance is £1,036.24 with £88.95 to pay in. 182 paid-up members including 150 on email.

Website: no report as RP at another meeting. Update on Old Town Portal will appear in next newsletter. .

Chairman's Report

HBC Licensing Policy and response to HOTRA's submission from Bob Brown: Police consider situation has improved in High Street and George Street (is this based on non-existent patrols?) DE has replied to Bob Brown that HOTRA is disappointed, especially that people's rights to live in peace don't appear to be included in the review. Apparently ESCC were responsible for areas outside pubs/restaurants, but this passed to HBC earlier this year. Area has high density of population, and high level of drunken behaviour is not acceptable.

Old Town Hall Museum: JB read following paragraph from 3 December OHPS meeting: "Cllr. Peter Chowney's email to Anne Scott mentions possibility of piano concerto organisers using it in Jan/Feb., thus setting a precedent for temporary uses. PC had said that if there was no practical commercial interest by the New Year then community use would be considered. Anne and Dick Edwards will meet with Peter Chowney in January to discuss".

Urbanisation Award: can RP please put HOTRA's response on our website.

Paper Recycling Bins: these are not being emptied. DP to chase.

On-street Parking: next ESCC parking review is August 2016. TC asked for residents input for that review. DP to forward this year's consultation to DE. ESCC have taken back control of parking from HBC (David Weeks is Team Manager at ESCC Parking). All agreed DE to invite residents to keep a log of occasions they are unable to park a reasonable distance from their homes. HOTRA still consider spaces could be created at bus lay-bys. A moratorium on new permits is also suggested.

ESFRS: on 25 November *The Times* reported fire-fighters in East Sussex are to get a new slimmer fire engine. One is being trialled in Brighton in response to an incident there. Why hasn't Marine Parade Fire triggered such a trial? Hastings needs two small fire engines - TC will look into this.

High Street improvement works: one trader has objected due to loss of one parking space outside Turners. Junction of High Street/George Street delayed until next winter, widening of pavement end of High Street to start in February. Taxi rank to be created outside the *Two Bulls* Restaurant. Exhibition planned in St Clements Church to inform residents of plans.

Planning

Nothing to report.

Members Concerns

Scaffolding damage to kerbstones outside Nelson House Antiques in High Street. DP to investigate.

29 Croft Road (next to "Foyles House") in a poor state. DP to take photo and contact Grotbusters.

Why is there scaffolding in Sinnock Square and Philip Cole Close?

Red paving at zebra crossing at lower end of Harold Road needs repair.

In response to a query DP confirmed if glass and pink recycling bag waste are collected together they are separated as Kier would otherwise make financial loss.

Future Programme:

Tuesday 12 January, venue tba

Tuesday 9 February, venue tba

Items for Newsletter: parking, HBC licensing, High Street improvements, fire appliance, Old Town Hall, Old Town Portal

Meeting finished at 8.05 p.m. Thanks to Bruce and Agnes for their hospitality.

Seasons Greetings and a Happy New Year to all

NOTES OF Hastings & St. Leonards Coastal Users' Group AGM Held on Tuesday, 17th November @ 1800hrs.

Present:

Paul Carter (PC) (Chair) – East Hastings Sea Angling Association
Kevin Boorman (KB) – Hastings Borough Council
Christine Boulton-Lane (CBL) – West of Haven Beach Users Association
Jill Bradley (JB) – Hastings Old Town Residents Association
Alan Care (AC) – Hastings and Rother Disability Forum
Di Cooke (DC) – Hastings Lifeguards
Cllr Mike Howard (MH) – HBC (West St Leonards Ward)
Yasmin Ornsby (YO) – Stade Partnership
Andre Palfrey-Martin (APM) – Save Our Heritage
Allison Pascual (AP) – Hastings Borough Council
Cllr Dawn Poole (DP) – HBC (Old Hastings Ward)
Nick Sangster (NS) – Hastings Borough Council
Anne Scott (AS) – Old Hastings Preservation Society
Cllr Trevor Webb (TW) – HBC (Central St Leonards Ward)

1. APOLOGIES

Monica Adams-Acton – Hastings Borough Council
Fiona Bell – Hastings Borough Council
Cliff Meaden – Epic Life
Tim Godwin – Hastings Urban Bikes
Simon Opie – Hastings Pier Charity
Chris Richards – Hastings Adventure Golf
Jan Sellers – Fishermen's Museum
Jacqui Stanford – Shipwreck Heritage Museum

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Two nominations to continue with the joint Chair arrangement (Paul Carter and Cllr Dawn Poole) were received prior to the meeting. In addition, a proxy vote was also received.
An additional nomination for Paul Carter to be sole Chair was received but this was not seconded. The meeting voted and agreed to continue with the current arrangement. Both Chairs were thanked for their hard work over the last year.

3. INTRODUCTION – HBC's Regeneration Officer and Sea Escapes Business Advisor

Fiona Bell, HBC's Regeneration Officer and Sea Escapes Business Advisor was not able to attend the meeting but will be invited to the next one. Nick advised that:

- As part of the Coastal Communities Funded projects, HBC are setting up a business mentoring network to support businesses within the creative, heritage and tourism sector.
- The network will support eligible businesses by offering free one-to-one business mentoring in areas such as marketing, sales, HR and business development.
- The project is currently looking to recruit experienced business owners as mentors.
- For more information on the project, Fiona can be contacted on 01424 451786 or via email:
FBell@hastings.gov.uk

HBC's Strategic Cultural Development Specialist, Polly Gifford, will also be invited to the next meeting to talk about the Root1066 Festival. CUG members were advised that there will be a lot of press releases regarding the events in due course.

4. COASTAL ITEMS UPDATE (NS)

Highlighted/additional points to the previously circulated report:

Bathing Water Quality Update

- Bathing Water Quality has met the new EU standard. Hastings has been classified as 'good' and St Leonards has been classified as 'excellent.'
- It is intended that the focus will remain on improving water quality and cleanliness in the area and it has been suggested that a Marine Litter working group be set up to take this work forward; volunteers for this working group are sought.

Bottle Alley

- Following receipt of three tenders, it is hoped the contract can be issued in the next few weeks for works to start in January, for completion in March.
- The recent Coastal Currents curated art had generated a lot of interest and there are others who would like to do the same.

FLAG Project / Winch Road

- FLAG 2 – it is expected there will be between 6 and 8 FLAGS and it is likely to be a competitive process.
- HBC officers were thanked for their support with the projects.
- Winch Road work was completed to schedule.

White Rock Promenade

- The amended planning application will be heard by HBC's Planning Committee on 25th November.

5. FORESHORE TRUST ITEMS (NS)

Highlighted/additional points to the previously circulated report:

Rock-a-Nore Road

- Results of East Sussex County Council's inspection in the area are still awaited.

White Rock Baths

- Works are nearing completion.
- It is hoped the facility will be open early in the New Year.
- A visit for CUG members will be arranged in due course. **Action: NS**

Tidal pool

- The draft report which assessed a number of sites has been received. Once it is finalised a member of the Facebook group will be invited to one of the CUG meetings.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

The Charity Committee minutes of 28th September 2015 were noted.

Round 4 of the Foreshore Trust Event Grants, 2016-17 has just opened and the notice went out earlier today.

Management of the Stade Facilities working group – HOTRA would like to be involved in this work and also has a view that the wider community should have some input into the process.

7. MEMBER UPDATES / ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Diver records – PC informed the meeting that EHSAA has agreed that Diver records will be kept.

7.2 Flood plan for Bulverhythe – NS updated that this has been extended to cover a wider part of the area and that a new draft flood response plan has been put together.

7.3 Bathing pool site – HBC Cabinet has agreed to go out to consultation on future use of the site. A working group to include businesses and residents who live and work in the area will be set up to take the work forward.

7.4 Events on the Stade Open Space – KB informed the meeting that the Seafood and Wine Festival, Hastings Week and Herring Festival events held recently on the Stade were very successful and attracted a lot of visitors. The Seafood and Wine Festival, in particular, received a lot of positive feedback.

7.5 Aquila House refurbishment – NS confirmed that works are due to be completed by 15th February.

8. NOTES OF LAST MEETING (8TH SEPTEMBER)

The notes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record.

9. REMAINING SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2016 (Tuesdays 6pm)

8th March 2016

7th June 2016

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

8th March 2016 – venue tbc

Meeting closed: 1907hrs.

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Charity Committee

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Paul Carter Chair approved 031215