



Hastings Old Town Residents' Association

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 6th July at 5.00 at Eight and a Half Exmouth Place

Attendance

Dick Edwards (chair), Bruce Nicol, Richard Platt (minutes) John Reynolds, Ann Novotny, Shirley Hawley, Phil White, Dawn Poole

Apologies

from Christiane Gunzi, James Bacon, Hazel Lloyd

Minutes of 14/6/17

Had been circulated and were approved as a full and accurate record. No matters arising not listed below

Reports

Secretary

RP + website: nothing to report

Treasurer

PW including membership. 189 members, 63 new or returning. Total Assets: £1525.05 including 7 donations totalling £60

Chairman's Report

- **Richard Stevens has been awarded an MBE** for services to Hastings over many years. DE paid tribute to his work and asked how should HOTRA mark it? Agreed to write a letter adding a limerick from BN.
- **Hastings Opportunity area** – DE reported a meeting held 23/6 at Education Futures Trust with Steve Mainwaring and Carole Dixon and with Tracey Rose. Money will not be spent entirely within schools. Sam Green reported his work on dyslexia. DE said he was concerned that the scheme will not be independently monitored, and that the local community will not be involved.
- **Foreshore Trust** – HOTRA has made a submission on their draft Business Plan. There has been no response. At the meeting it was suggested that the water play park be sited on the open space at the Stade alongside the Jerwood Gallery.
- **Surgery Planning application** update. DE reported that the petition has 1683 signatures. No further news from the planning department. DP will chase..
- **Hastings Library refurbishment** – opening has been delayed until March 2018 following the discovery of fractures on the exterior. DE is trying to persuade the library that we should hold a storytelling event in November even if the library is not open.

Planning matters

James Bacon reported by email "I have also called in the application you mentioned in regards to the Amusements area, as well as the latest planting at Rocklands." DE expanded on the Rocklands application and said that the Ecclesbourne Glen group are taking the lead.

The following Old Town applications have appeared over the last 4 weeks:

- **29 Croft Road** – extension of 4 weeks to allow works to complete. 17 July scaffolding is due to come down.
- **Ferris wheel on beach** – called in by DP. Will be managed by JB.
- **Brewery Yard** – significant redevelopment planned. DE is concerned about loss of several 'traditional' Rights of Way and loss of jobs. Several buildings are scheduled for demolition and the application includes significant housing. There may have to be a rights of way enquiry. No planning application has been submitted.
- **Seed cafe/bar in George St** – very long opening hours. Alcohol license has already been granted, but HBC has refused planning and the situation is very confused. DE proposed that HOTRA object to extension of the hours. Agreed.
- **42 Tackleway** – (parking on front garden and dropped kerb.) Still frozen but enforcement action will be taken if a planning application is not submitted.

Members' Concerns

JR: Croft Rd one way working: we will do survey in Autumn

AN: power cuts: she has experienced six, and asked what she could do about it.

PW: party houses: reported bad noise disturbance in Coburg Place

Future Programme

Committee 8/8 at East Hill House {only if needed} and Wednesday 13th September at 18 High Street.

Special autumn newsletter to all Old Town letterboxes to be delivered w/b 4/9

AOB

PW asked about membership cards and was told that at the AGM it was agreed that we would not provide them any more unless requested.

JB reported "Please do pass on my thanks for promoting the very successful community clean up on Tuesday evening in the Old Town."