



Hastings Old Town Residents Association

Minutes of meeting of the Management Committee Tuesday 11th September 2018 at 18 High Street

Present: Dick Edwards, Richard Platt, Shirley Hawley, Bruce Nicol, Phil White, Hazel Lloyd, John Reynolds, Vivien Harrison

Apologies from Danny Louise, Anne Novotny, James Bacon

MINUTES of 11/7/18

Accepted. No matters arising

REPORTS

Treasurer - PW reported that membership numbers and finances were unchanged since last meeting, except that he had received one further subscription

CHAIRMANS REPORT

ISABEL BLACKMAN CENTRE

Petitions - HOTRA's on line is in addition to the Hastings Labour group. Deadline of 30th September.

DE has had various meetings with common threads including with the existing contractor. There exists a strong desire to achieve a viable, locally accountable service. This would have to be run by an independent body, and that is most likely to be HOTRA.

FIRE SERVICE

DE described the ESFRS visit 25/7 by Acting Deputy Chief Fire Officer Mark Andrews + Hastings Manager Dave Wilby - over 2 hours walkabout. Covered the Croft fire.

Discussion followed about smaller appliance. RP reported that a fire appliance got stuck on the High Street at the weekend.

Agreed to use RP's photo of stuck appliance and other facts to apply pressure to ESFRS through the press.

Agreed to run Fire Safety Awareness Campaign on Sunday 23/9 on the Stade in the afternoon DE drew attention to the need to focus on landlords and compliance - joint activity with HBC essential.

ROCK A NORE SURGERY -

Fitting out work starting, but the condition of pavements is still a problem for pedestrians. ESCC Highways denied that the pavement needed repair, despite the fact that their condition was a reason for HBC opposing planning permission.

DE suggested that ESCC parking surpluses might be used to pay for repairs.

Southern Water is being pressed about parking spaces around the pumping station

PARKING

DE has had a reply from Cllr Chowney - asking for ideas.

Suggested non-enforcement of bus lay-by rules outside peak times.

Problems with new parking contractor's website which has replaced the parking shop. It is extremely difficult to use. Technician at the library can help.

FORESHORE TRUST

Beach cleanliness issues raised by DE with the FT. Their AGM is imminent. DE proposed applying pressure to Southern Water.

DE raised the issue of concerts and loud music. Promises to direct speakers out to sea have not been honoured. DE has written to the FT about this and will raise it at the AGM.

DE explained that it is becoming increasingly difficult to raise issues with the FT.

NATIONAL COASTAL PATH

DE gave an update about Ecclesbourne Glen, and circulated proposals for rerouting the national coastal path.

WEST HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Have sent a request for liaison with HOTRA. Agreed to invite a representative to HOTRA committee meetings.

PLANNING MATTERS

Changes to the amusement park: Anne Scott had written a highly critical statement about the lack of transparency in the application. DE explained what is planned. He will write on behalf of HOTRA urging a delay. Fencing the site provides a new legal status for the enclosed area, which would remove the space from planning controls.

Dany Louise And Michael Hunter will oppose the proposal at the planning meeting the following day.

Discussion deferred.

MEMBERS' CONCERNS

DE asked for volunteers to go to a meeting on Tuesday October 2 at 6.30. VH volunteered to trial a new appointment booking app.

BN reported that the NHS appeared to be cutting care for the elderly.

JR asked about the one-way scheme on Croft Road. DE replied that it is unlikely to happen. He also asked about the sale of the pier.

FUTURE PROGRAMME

Committee meetings 16/10 at VH. 13/11 at PW. December 11 meeting at BN's house.

AOB

PW circulated proposals to conform with GDPR

Jill Bradley moving back into the Old Town