



Hastings Old Town Residents' Association

Committee meeting minutes

98 All Saint's Street, Tuesday 8th January 2019

Attendance

Dick Edwards, Richard Platt, James Bacon, Hazel Lloyd, Shirley Hawley, John Reynolds, Jill Bradley, Vivien Harrison, Anne Novotny, Mary Phillips (from West Hill Residents Association)

Minutes of 11 November meeting

Taken as a correct record

Reports

No reports from either treasurer or secretary.

Chairman's Report

Isobel Blackman Centre.

DE summarised the situation to date. He then reported on a meeting he had had on January 3rd with Steve Manwaring of Hastings Voluntary Action. The pair of them went through the forms necessary for a bid to make IBC a Community Asset.

JB said that transferring the centre to community ownership is the only option now.

DE proposed reopening the centre, providing a service that mirrors what is currently offered and seeking to raise revenue from the centre through renting out the rooms in the evenings, and renting the two-bedroom flat that has been kept empty for many years. He proposed a motion to the meeting ...

"This meeting agrees that HOTRA in conjunction with Hastings Voluntary Action prepares and submits a bid to secure the future use of the Isobel Blackman Centre, Winding Street, Hastings for community use"

RP sought assurances that no volunteer time and commitment would be required from HOTRA to make this scheme work. DE reassured him that all work within the centre would be fully costed and funded provided there were enough clients. This would be detailed in the business plan.

The motion was passed unanimously.

The application requires a list of 21 members supporting the application.

Everyone present agreed to let their names go forward.

There will be a meeting of stakeholders January 17th (see December minutes)

Membership

A new membership rate of £12 was agreed, effective from January 2020, and subject to approval by May's AGM. Committee members were encouraged to seek donations.

Planning matters

HOTRA needs to **replace Bruce Nicol** as key member monitoring and assessing planning applications.

There is a **proposal to install solar PV arrays** in the Hastings Country Park and at Wilting Farm Crowhurst. It was considered at HBC cabinet on Monday 7th, where it was agreed to commission studies on the business and environmental case.

RP spoke briefly saying that he cautiously supported the scheme.

Members' Concerns

Only new or progressed topics minuted.

RP drew attention to the long delays in determining planning applications and listed building consent applications. JB related a problem she had had obtains an opinion.

MP asked if she could join HOTRA. Agreed. DE said she would be co-opted. She reported vandalism at the Community Centre.

VH drew attention to the problem of obtaining parking permits. She also asked about the Ice House Health Centre. DE explained the delays.

AN complained about 3 Croft Road: decking had been ripped up.

JB asked about the Garden Waste Bin scheme. She has been told to join a waiting list, because the scheme is full to capacity. JB agreed to look into the problem. She drew attention to rubbish dumped outside All Saints Church Hall which she cleared up.

Future programme

Committee meetings Tuesday February 12th at Phil's; Monday March 11th at Jill's 112 the Bourne. AGM Friday May 10th.