



## Hastings Old Town Residents Association

Minutes of Management Committee 9th April 2019 at Eight and a Half Exmouth Place  
 Attendance: Dick Edwards, Ann Novotny, Jill Bradley (JMB), Hazel Lloyd, Cllr. Dany Louise, Mary Phillips, Richard Platt, Phil White  
 Apologies from Vivien Harrison, Shirley Hawley and James Bacon, John Reynolds

### Minutes of 11/3/19...

...and any MATTERS ARISING not listed below.

**Solar panels in Country Park:** DE quickly ran through history of the proposal. He suggested that HOTRA should oppose this. RP, JMB, PW and DL disagreed, and the decision to oppose was deferred.

**Wall light in Starrs Cottages.** Will be replaced very soon

### Reports

**Secretary** – RP including website: RP solicited contributions for the website Home Page. JMB offered to send pictures and stories

**Treasurer** – PW including membership. Insurance has been renewed. There was a discussion of renewals and how they might be encouraged.

Paid up members number 134, including 33 new or returning. Total assets £1194.59

### Chairman's Report

#### Isabel Blackman Centre

Registration as a Community Asset: this has now been approved, and DE said he was indebted to the planners. He said this gives us six months to put together a proposal. The meeting congratulated DE who then outlined plans for the IBC in the six month moratorium. DL suggested that the organisations currently using St Clements church hall might move to the IBC since the church hall is closing.

Closure lunch took place. 70 people attended including the Mayor and both county councillors. DE has written to Becky Shaw, ceo ESCC, in a last-minute attempt to forestall the closure. He summarised the content of his letter.

The action group is meeting shortly to start the production of a business plan for the IBC. DE described the need for initial seed funding.

**Coastal Users Group** – report of meeting 12/3. Current assets stand at £1.5m. Business Plan includes a new larger grants scheme. Will support homelessness, domestic abuse, sector support. DE met with Cllr Sue Beaney – chair of CUG 29/3

**Railings painting** – community pay-back scheme will do this repainting.

### PLANNING MATTERS

**Old Hastings House:** DE explained new “Higher Care Provision” (an extension of the space). OHH has 65 permanent residents, plus 15 with advanced needs, and currently has insufficient space. The new building will remedy this. HOTRA will support

**Roebuck Surgery** there are objections to proposals to clad exterior of the building in black Shiplack

**Tesco Express** in George St. There was great concern that Tesco would drive out local businesses, and there was special fear for post office provision. RP to talk to Harry in Premier.

[NOTE FROM SECRETARY: After speaking to Harry it appears that this is an unfounded rumour,

and the new Tesco branch will be at Ore station]

## **MEMBERS CONCERNS**

**PW** suggested a youth membership at half price. Will be raised at AGM

**JMB**: asked about the *Storytelling Festival*. Complained about the attitude of the dustmen. Other members confirmed that dustbins had not been emptied. Reported inadequate street cleaning. DL explained that the cleansing contract ends in June, so it's difficult to apply any pressure to the contractors.

## **FUTURE PROGRAMME**

9/5 AGM arrangements - ? Chair Nigel? Officer and Committee positions – DE asked for prompt notification of resignations.

June Committee 11/6 @ AN 9/7 @ JMB

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