

## **THE FRIENDS OF OLD PORTSMOUTH ASSOCIATION, 20 December 2018**

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Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held at Portsmouth Sailing Club, 20 December 2018

### **Present:**

Gail Baird (Chair, Website), Anna Koor (Secretary), Mike Dobson (Traffic), Graeme Swinburne (Planning), Bob Stewart (Spice Island), Alistair Wilson (Membership).

### **1 Apologies**

Laurie Higgins (Treasurer), Tom Wood (Ward Councillor), Rob Wood (Ward Councillor).

### **2 Minutes of previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7 November 2018 were approved and signed by the Chair.

### **3 Matters arising**

**Camber Right of Way** – At the OPGQ Neighbourhood Forum on 6 December 2018, PCC announced that they have lost the city's Definitive Map and Statements. PCC's City Solicitor Michael Lawther and legal officer Kieran Laven said they cannot publish an Order for a Restricted Byway until they have the Map. There is a public consultation until 27 January 2019 with the aim of re-constructing this map, <https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/ext/travel/public-rights-of-way> . It was agreed that this new map cannot be described as the definitive map because it will not have the certainty of what was on the signed and sealed original document. FOOPA has a meeting with PCC and Stephen Morgan MP in January to clarify further the position over the council's delay in publishing the Order.

### **4 Correspondence and Communications** – none.

### **5 Treasurer's Report**

Owing to the last minute date change, Laurie was unable to attend. The monies from the Christmas Lunch on 17 December 2018 have been deposited and payment made to the venue. Alistair will clarify with Laurie regarding account paperwork in respect of the gratuity payment he made to the catering staff.

### **6 Membership Report**

Feedback from the Christmas Lunch on 17 December has been positive – great venue, good quality food and plenty of it! There were 66 guests. Alistair did announce the need for a new Treasurer and Social Secretary. There are currently 215 FOOPA members including 3 newcomers, but 8 have sadly passed away. Alistair received a member's letter concerned that not enough information about FOOPA activities is available for those not on the Internet, which accounts for 20% of the membership. It was suggested we do more to use the noticeboards regularly and perhaps resume the 6-monthly updates. The lack of a social programme does not help with people keeping up to date with FOOPA campaigns.

### **7 Planning Report**

Nothing in the Old Portsmouth end of St Thomas ward to mention.

### **8 Social Programme**

Nothing to report.

### **9 Environment Report**

**Air Pollution** – Following a further High Court judgement, local authorities with polluted air above the legal limit — which includes Portsmouth — have been directed by DEFRA to clean up their air in the shortest possible time. PCC has completed a Target Feasibility Study for DEFRA to demonstrate how they plan to do this. Despite this, PCC continues to avoid discussing the possibility of Clean Air Zones.

**Free Parking Saturday** – various community representatives wrote to PCC to express concerns about this PCC promotional event on 1 December 2018, particularly as the city is already vehicle congested, suffers from illegal air pollution, and is supposedly encouraging people to leave their cars at home and make healthier, sustainable, active transport choices. Cllr Ben Dowling responded positively to residents' concerns and gave an assurance that in future the Council would consider other incentives to help retail businesses.

### **10 Website**

Nothing to report.

## **12 Traffic**

**Old Portsmouth Area Traffic Study** – Mike needs to follow up with PCC's Steven Flynn (Principal Traffic & Development Planning Engineer). It seems that the completion of the study report is imminent, including input of new traffic count data. The worry is that PCC is very short of resources so any recommended measures may get put on the back burner. SF using different methods, however 2 weeks ago saw black box by Buckingham house, also very short of resources, and put on back burner.

**Bus services** – Graeme reported that Councillors are pushing for the agreed replacement No 1 service to be enhanced to once an hour, starting at 09.30am Monday to Friday. It was agreed to update the FOOPA website with the new timetable. There seems to be little transparency by First Group regarding bus usage figures so there is no evidence as to whether their demands for subsidies on certain routes are genuinely needed.

**Active Travel** – Mike had an encouraging meeting with Andrew DiMarko (PCC's new Active Travel Officer), who seems to be committed to active travel and cycles every day from Southampton. His immediate manager at PCC is Michelle Love. Their sentiment is that they would rather do a few things properly, in terms of cycle lane improvements, than lots of things badly.

## **13 Policing**

**Community SpeedWatch** – Following the equipment breakdown back in June 2018, and subsequent police confirmation that no resources are forthcoming to repair or replace it, Cllr Suzy Horton has informed the Southsea CSW team she supports, that she has managed to source some new equipment. Anna has been in touch with the Southsea CSW team co-ordinator and they are happy to share the new equipment on the same basis as before so hope to resume exercises in Old Portsmouth in the new year.

## **14 Ward Councillors' Reports**

None present.

## **15 Committee Admin**

None.

## **16 AOB**

**FOOPA Annual Review** – Gail emphasized that reports need to be submitted so that she can begin assembling. Alistair will chase up regular advertisers and Anna will follow up with Hotwalls Studios and Salix, who both advertised last year.

**Air Quality Steering Group** – the next meeting 16 January 2019. Anna will be attending in place of the OPGQN Committee Chair Tony Davenport who will be away.

**17 Date of next Meeting** – Wednesday 16 January 2019.

