

THE FRIENDS OF OLD PORTSMOUTH, 18 May 2016

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Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held at Portsmouth Sailing Club, Wednesday 18 May 2016.

Present:

Hilary Tyler (Chairman), Gail Baird (Deputy Chairman, Website), Terry Halloran (Planning), Bob Stewart (Spice Island), Anna Koor (Secretary), Rob Wood (Ward Councillor), Tom Wood (Ward Councillor).

Absent: Ryan Brent

1 Apologies – Jonathan Clapham (Engineering), Alistair Wilson (Membership), Mike Dobson (Traffic), Vikki Mathews (Social), PCSO Michelle Slater (Police – St Thomas Ward)

2 Minutes of previous meeting

The signed Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16 March 2016 were passed to Anna Koor for the file. The Minutes of the AGM on 17 March 2016 were approved, with an amendment adding a tribute to Keith Feltham who has passed away. The Minutes of the previous Executive Committee meeting on 20 April 2016 were approved.

3 Matters arising

Website – Gail had a briefing from Phil, however there remains the issue of mail being sent to the website, which is not being responded to. Rob explained about monitoring and will send Gail the password to give access to the website emails. Gail will look at how these emails can be forwarded to Committee members.

RNLI donation - the Committee had agreed to make a £50 donation to RNLI in memory of Keith Feltham. Hilary has sent the cheque to the funeral directors with a letter to be forwarded to the family recording his contribution to FOOPA. Hilary reminded the Committee and asked Gail to note that the next Annual Review should make a special mention of this and feature photos and an article about Keith.

Police - Anna enquired whether PCSO Michelle Slater wanted to attend future FOOPA Committee meetings. Michelle will miss the next couple of meetings as she is on leave, but wishes to continue attending and to please keep her on the circulation list. In her absence, she has submitted a Police report – see attached.

Membership - Anna has received the digital file of the FOOPA members list from Alistair for safe-keeping. She still needs an updated FOOPA Committee Members full contact details list and will follow up with Alistair when he is better. Gail, Michelle and Anna's details need to be added to this list.

Accounts – An examined copy of the final accounts for the year ended 31 December 2015, supplied by Janis Loose, was circulated to the Committee. Janis also provided a comprehensive list of recommendations regarding FOOPA finances and future Treasurer / Committee procedures

4 Correspondence

CCTV – Following the Committee suggestion that FOOPA may be able to fund a community CCTV camera, Terry enquired with PCC regarding any regulations or requirements. The response was that privately funded cameras can be mounted on private buildings, but PCC would not permit private cameras to be hooked up to their CCTV system. It was recommended that a high-resolution quality, day and night time operational camera would be appropriate.

Defibrillator – An email update was received by the Committee from Anita Stepnitz. She is currently trying to find who to contact within the Ambulance Service to secure their approval on what type of defibrillator to purchase, where to site it, and how it is linked into the '999' system. PCC is also helping with this information, and she will be touch again when there is more news.

Hotwalls Studios – Committee members recently became aware of the Premises Licence (alcohol) application by The Canteen café proprietors and concern was raised regarding the prospect of on- and off-site retail sales and extended opening hours, particularly as this new information does not seem to be

compatible with the original planning application. Anna will send a letter to Bev Lucas (PCC Planning) to seek clarification.

5 Treasurer's Report

It was proposed that the examined 2015 accounts now be published. Terry will put the balance sheet summary on the Noticeboard. Janis had identified a couple of potential new Treasurer volunteers; however both lines of enquiry had proved fruitless. The Committee is now looking at other possible volunteers as follows: Hilary will approach the previous FOOPA treasurer and enquire at Cathedral House; Tom will enquire with the Treasurer at the Charity he works for, and at the University (student experience person).

6 Membership Report

None - Alistair was unable to attend due to illness.

7 Planning Report

See attached. There was some discussion in relation to a retrospective application at 2 Nobbs Lane (0354). Anna recalled that there had been neighbour concern in the past regarding work at this property. Rob and Tom will investigate.

8 Social Secretary's Report

Gail reported that she had spoken to Vikki, who has written tendering her resignation as Social Secretary. The Committee were very sorry to hear this news and noted the huge challenges she has faced with bookings and costs, together with the pressures of keeping the programme financially sustainable. Hilary will reply to that letter expressing our appreciation of all her efforts over the years, and inviting to Vikki to the next Committee meeting to discuss how best a successor might move forward a revised social programme.

9 Engineer's Report

None - Anna to maintain contact with Jon.

10 Wightlink (WL) Investment Proposal

Gail updated the Committee regarding her deputation on behalf of FOOPA to PCC Planning Committee on 30 March 2016. Rob observed that Wightlink did not wish to relocate their operations, but suggested that FOOPA make contact with the new CEO to try and establish dialogue regarding residents' concerns with the traffic situation and increased congestion. It was acknowledged with hindsight, FOOPA could usefully have included comments on the scheme's design and conservation considerations as well as the traffic issues.

11 Website

See Correspondence above.

12 Traffic

Mike unable to attend due to work commitments. Rob updated the Committee on new Cabinet Member roles following the recent Elections. He confirmed Jim Fleming is now the portfolio holder for Traffic and Transportation, replacing Ken Ellcome who has become Deputy Mayor. The Committee asked Rob to contact Cllr Ellcome to request him to brief Cllr Fleming on Traffic and Parking issues in Old Portsmouth, and highlight the effectiveness of the quarterly Old Portsmouth Traffic and Road Safety Working Group meetings.

13 HOTWALLS STUDIOS Advisory Panel (ARTches)

Anna to contact Julie Graves (FOOPA's representative to the Hotwalls Advisory Panel) for feedback from the next meeting with PCC on 19 May 2016.

14 Policing – see report from PCSO Michelle Slater.

15 Ward Councillors' Reports

Recently elected Cllr Tom Wood was welcomed by the Committee.

16 Committee Administration

Following the last meeting, Terry re-visited the subject of FOOPA's important role in enhancing seafront safety in the past. Anita had been invited to re-join the Committee, but this was subject to concerns she had raised. The relevant committee members will be meeting separately to discuss and hopefully resolve this.

17 AOB

Westmark site – Terry is planning to meet with Fullers to find out more about their development plans.

Camber Right of Way – the case is currently with the Secretary of State Planning Inspector awaiting a decision. Anna proposed that this be an agenda item for the next meeting, by which time a decision should have been reached.

18 Date of next Meeting

Wednesday 15 June 2016