

THE FRIENDS OF OLD PORTSMOUTH ASSOCIATION, 18 May 2022

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Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 18 May 2022

Present

Anna Koor (Secretary), Liz Winder (Treasurer), Bob Stewart (Spice Island), Mary Tollow (Membership), Graeme Swinburne (Planning), Sharon Morris (Heritage & Conservation), Eileen Measey (Environment), Gail Baird (Chair, Website), Mike Dobson (Traffic).

1 Apologies

Apologies from Ann Wilson (Social Secretary) and ward councilors Ian Holder, Chris Attwell and Mark Jeffery.

2 Declarations of Interest – Anna asked all to confirm their declarations of interest should any matters of that nature arise during the course of FOOPA business, which was agreed.

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting on 20 April 2022 were approved by the Chair, having been circulated to all the Committee via email.

4 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Events and News about Old Portsmouth – This follows last month's discussion about FOOPA contacting members regarding general concerns and activities in the neighbourhood. The Committee voted and agreed that when Mary contacts FOOPA members about FOOPA events or concerns, she can simultaneously pass on news of other activities in the same communication, without breaching FOOPA's GDPR policy.

5 Correspondence and Communications – See below.

6 Treasurer's Report

Monthly Reconciliation – Liz prepared a monthly financial reconciliation with the FOOPA bank statement for April 2022. The balance carried forward from March is £10287.70 at 30/4/22. Income totaled £15.00 from membership fees and £241.50 from social events, leaving a profit of £112.00.

Donations – The Committee agreed to donate the £546.00 set aside from membership subscriptions in 2020 to the UK Disaster's Emergency Committee Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>. Background: In January 2021, FOOPA surveyed its Membership regarding the Committee's idea to use the £1046 collected from membership subscriptions in 2020 for charitable donations and to potentially subsidise a future social event. The feedback was scant, however the balance was in favour of splitting the proceeds 50/50 between donations to charity and subsidizing a future FOOPA event. There was a vote among all present to make equal donations of £250 each to the Roberts Centre and the Portsmouth Family Welfare Association. The Committee agreed that deciding what events to support financially remains problematic because many FOOPA Members do not take part in the social programme. Therefore opting to donate the balance to the current humanitarian crisis in Ukraine seems more appropriate and this will be expedited by Liz.

Local Charities – In addition to the charities supported by FOOPA, Liz would like to nominate the Jubilee Tenacious Trust (Charity No 277810) which has funded the building of a second vessel, Tenacious, designed to be part-crewed by people with disabilities.

7 Membership Report

Mary reported no movement since last month. She has received and responded to a number of enquiries from potential new members.

8 Planning

Graeme reported little movement, however he is no longer receiving the Weekly Planning Lists and is concerned he may have missed a few applications. He has asked to be included on PCC's distribution list. The applications of note are: Lombard Court (Ref: 22/00502/FUL) which entails a communal roof terrace, and 4 Highbury St (22/00527/HOU) also comprising a rooftop terrace.

9 Heritage & Conservation

Local Listings – Sharon has been trying to track down a current copy of this document which details all of Portsmouth's listed properties / assets.

Local Plan – Sharon drew the committee's attention to Government planning policy review outlined in the Queen's Speech on 11 May 2022 and the impact this might have on local plans.

10 Social Programme – After an email reminder from Mary to all members, ticket sales for Bygone on 26 May have had a big boost with around 41 confirmed attendees. Following Bygone, a similar reminder will go out to Members to alert them about the Quiz with Fish and Chips on 21 June 2022.

11 Environment - Eileen is working on the array of issues she identified.

Wildflower Planting – Following a Teams meeting on 4 May, Doug Gray at PCC Parks & Open Spaces has added the Long Curtain grassy banks to their planting schedule for wildflower seeding next Spring. Anna will write to St Jude's about involving school pupils in this venture.

HIWWT Solent Seagrass Restoration Project – Eileen is awaiting a site meeting with Ellie Parker to discuss the flora at The Moat and its potential.

Living Streets – Councillor Charlotte Gerada is heading this up and will come to the next FOOPA meeting to brief the committee on progress with this scheme.

Fullers – The site at Point could be greened to make it attractive. It was agreed that our Ward Councillors could advise how to take this forward.

Traffic Calming by Street Greening — Eileen is trying to secure a meeting with PCC's Cllr Kimberly Barrett, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment.

Camber Right of Way - On 29 April the applicants were informed by Legal Services that the formal Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) from 2019 was considered not fit for purpose by PCC's legal adviser. Consequently, a new and amended Order has been drafted and published for public consultation. A public notice of this new replacement Map Modification Order, was announced in the Portsmouth News on 29 April and also fixed on lampposts at the Camber. A consultation period in respect of this new Order is underway, ending on 17 June 2022. Those who submitted a response to the old 2019 Order have been written to by PCC and advised that they need to write to PCC Legal Services Peter Baulf peter.baulf@portsmouthcc.gov.uk to re-state their position with respect to this new Order using the reference: PCC DMMO Number 1 of 2022.

12 Website – Gail gave the Committee a briefing about the current website hosting package and some of the options we could think about going forward. This follows enquiries from local businesses who might be interested in advertising on the FOOPA website. Sharon asked if the website has an SSL Certificate and Gail will enquire.

13 Traffic

Shipwrights Way – Mike has still not been able to meet with PCC Traffic & Transportation officers Chi Sharpe and Felicity Tidbury, as well as Cabinet Member Cllr Lynne Stagg and Ward Councillor Ian Holder, in order to discuss flawed data to determine traffic flows and speeding, despite acknowledgement of these errors in the Old Portsmouth Area Traffic Study.

Inquest – Mike has contacted the Hampshire Coroner's Office. The hearing in respect of Hildegard Lowe, who died in a Road Traffic Incident on 17 January 2022, is set for 10 August. He intends to give evidence.

Gunwharf Quays – Mike is continuing to establish formal discussions with Jo Evans from the Residents Association on issues of mutual interest to them and FOOPA, such as congestion and noise/light/air pollution issues.

Parking Status – Anna has written to Kevin McKee about the confused status of P&D and KA Zone parking signage and PCC website information at Pembroke Road, High Street and Grand Parade.

Highbury St TRO – Graeme has emailed a reminder to PCC Parking Manager Kevin McKee.

14 Ward Councillor Reports – None in attendance.

15 Committee Admin — None.

16 AOB

Seascout building, Bath Square – There was a brief discussion about FOOPA funds to ascertain the status of the current lease. Concerns remain about how the Council might allocate this site in the future. Bob will embark on a fact finding mission with ward councillors. Information may also be available via the Land Registry.

Reported Sexual Assault – Residents have expressed alarm following a Hampshire Constabulary Alert of an incident on St Nicholas Street at 10.30am on 5 May 2022. There is, as yet, no further news from the police.

Portsmouth Museum & Art Gallery – Sharon informed the committee that the Café in the Museum has reopened following a long absence during the pandemic. A new show titled *Silver City* opens to the public this weekend, see <https://portsmouthmuseum.co.uk>

Marine Event, BAR Technologies – Bob attended a recent event at the Camber building where there were discussions about how to promote marine industries in the city.

17 Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 15 June 2022, 7.30pm, Pembroke Gardens Bowling Club.