
Frinton Residents' Association

MINUTES of an Annual General Meeting held in the McGrigor Hall on 18 April 2015 at 10:00 AM

Present: President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, Assistant Secretary, five other Committee members, eighty-six Association members, six non-members, and ten guests/speakers.

1 INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the 53rd Annual General Meeting and passed the microphone over to the President who paid tribute to the previous President, Len Brooks, who had passed away recently. She explained that he had been an active member of the Committee from the 1990s until two years ago, undertaking the roles of Chairman, Treasurer and President. Everybody then stood for a minute's silence.

The Chairman then read out the full list of guests, Parliamentary candidates from all the main parties and Councillors from Frinton, Hamford and Homelands Wards, who had been invited to the meeting, asking those who were present to stand so that residents could recognize them. Those present were Parliamentary candidate Chris Southall (Tendring Green Party) and Councillors Nick Turner and Jack Robertson. Those who had been invited and were not present were Douglas Carswell MP (UKIP represented by Jack Parsons prospective Councillor), Councillor Giles Watling (Conservation candidate), Tim Young (Labour candidate), David Grace (Liberal Democrat candidate), local Councillors Mick Page, Iris Johnson, Mark Platt, Vanda Watling, Terry Allen, David Lines and Brian Johnson. Other guests present included David Foster (Frinton in Bloom), Rebecca Creed (Frinton Gazette), David Gillies (Crime Prevention Officer), PCSO Michele Diss, Maurice Alexander (Frinton Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator) and the speakers from Abellio and Colchester Hospital.

The Chairman reviewed the issues that the Committee had been involved in during the year. These included Caradoc Surgery, the Sainsbury's development, 'A' Boards, the decision to allow Greggs to put tables and chairs outside, dog fouling, planning applications, potholes and dangerous pavements. He added that a full report on activities had been provided in the Spring 2015 Newsletter which he thanked Pat Batley and Jeanette Phillips for producing.

2 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence had been received from David Grace (Liberal Democrat candidate), Councillor David Lines, and residents Kay Carswell, Denzil & Wendy Watson and Mr & Mrs Peter Leaman. (After the meeting apologies were received also from Councillors Giles Watling and Mark Platt, together with resident Dr HJM Turner.)

3 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26 April 2014 (as provided in the Spring 2015 Newsletter) were proposed, seconded and approved.

4 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

5 ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer pointed out that copies of the Accounts for the year to 31 December 2014 were available on the seats, and explained that the finances were much as expected. The cost of hire of halls had increased because the FRA now had to pay for hire of meeting rooms. He then reviewed the donations made during the year. After being proposed and seconded, the Accounts were approved.

6 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

After being proposed and seconded, it was agreed that Robert Smith be appointed auditor for the year to 31 December 2015.

7 ELECTION OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Chairman reported that Pat Batley and Peter Leaman were both retiring from the Committee on the grounds of ill health. He said that they would be sorely missed and thanked them for all the work they had done on behalf of the FRA, particularly Pat Batley who had been Newsletter Editor for 8 years.

He then asked the Committee Members to stand as he read out the names of those who had been proposed and seconded, and were standing for re-election. These included the Officers Gillian Sanford (President), Geoff Harris (Honorary Treasurer), Jeanette Phillips (Honorary Secretary) and Helen Ballisson (Assistant Secretary), and existing Committee Members Alan Eldret (Environment & Planning), Neil Churcher (Chairman), Jenny Heard (Health Representative), Colin Knights, Gillian Manning (Membership Secretary), Patricia Marino, and Catriona Miller (Vice Chairman), together with new Committee Member Peter Dias. It was agreed that they be elected en bloc.

Secretary's Note: As stated in the Constitution, the Chairman and Vice Chairman to be elected at the first Committee meeting after the AGM. There was still a vacancy for the role of Assistant Treasurer, and further places were available on the Committee.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Annual General Meeting would be held on 23 April 2016 in the McGrigor Hall from 10.00 am, and it was pointed out that the next public meeting would be the Half-Yearly Meeting to be held on 17 October 2015, also in the McGrigor Hall.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was explained that the deadline for the Fun Caption Competition (as described on the front of the Newsletter) was 2 May 2015, and the winner would be announced in the Autumn Newsletter.

A cheque for £925 was presented to David Foster of Frinton in Bloom in respect of FRA donations during the previous year.

The AGM was followed by an Open Meeting where the speakers were Petrina Murphy, Area Station Manager, Abellio Greater Anglia, who provided a presentation entitled 'An Update on our Franchise', Louise Notley, Associate Director of Nursing and Allied Health Professionals, whose talk was entitled 'Developments at Colchester Hospital' and David Gillies, Crime Prevention Officer, who spoke on the topics of protection against burglaries and dealing with dorrstep callers, as well as providing leaflets on these subjects. The Chairman of the Frinton Patient Participation Group reported on the current situation at Caradoc Surgery, and members raised some Residents' Issues. Maurice Alexander (local Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator) and PCSO Michele Diss were also available at the end of the meeting to listen to residents' concerns.

The Chairman then thanked everyone for attending and encouraged those who were not members of the FRA to join.

NB Names of Proposers and Seconders for approvals of Minutes, etc, and positions of Officers and Committee Members can be obtained from the Honorary Secretary, together with a full report on the open meeting. This report is also available on the website: www.frintonresidents.co.uk

Approved:

Chairman

Date :