
Frinton Residents' Association

MINUTES of the 51st Annual General Meeting held in St Mary's Church Hall, Old Road, Frinton, on 20 April 2013 at 10:00 AM

Present: President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, Assistant Secretary and seven other Committee members, eighty Association members, five non-members, ten guests/speakers, and twelve members of the Frinton Primary School Choir together with their parents and their teacher.

1 INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and clarified the health and safety arrangements. Then she explained that to demonstrate the fact that there were a lot of young people living in Frinton, this year's AGM would begin with a rendition of songs from the Frinton Primary School Choir, and be followed by a presentation on Scouting entitled 'Let's Grow Together' to be provided by representatives of the Frinton & Kirby Scout Group. The choir then sang three songs: 'Springtime', 'Together' and 'Life is a Wonderful Thing'.

The Chairman thanked their teacher, Mrs Jenny Rayner and the members of the choir for providing a wonderful start to the meeting.

Two Scout Leaders, Julie Smith and Lorna Keeble, then introduced each other and reviewed their backgrounds before a DVD entitled 'think you know scouting' was shown. This was followed by an explanation of the arrangements for scouting in Frinton - past and present, and how an extension to their facilities in Park Playing Fields, Jubilee Way, had recently been completed.

After thanking the Scout Leaders, the Chairman referred to her report on Page 6 of the Newsletter, and highlighted how the FRA Committee works on four levels: with the Town Council, the District Council, the County Council and the National Organisation of Residents' Associations. She also reviewed the many issues the FRA had been involved in during the year: the proposed MUGA, the new District Plan, improvements to information provided on Planning Appeals, parking, etc, together with lobbying strongly with the help of NORA, on the policies included in the Growth & Infrastructure Bill which would allow homeowners to build extensions without reference to anyone. She added that as a result it had been announced in the last few days that there was to be a re-think by the Government and the situation would be that neighbours and the Council would have to be informed with the Council having the final say. She concluded her introduction by stating that other issues would be discussed during the Open Meeting after Any Other Business.

2 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence had been received from Douglas Carswell MP, Committee Member Catriona Miller, and Members Katie Andrews and Mr & Mrs Russell, together with Councillors Mick Page, Giles & Vanda Watling (received after the meeting).

3 MINUTES

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 April 2012 be approved.

4 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

5 ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer reviewed the Statement of Financial Activities pointing out that subscriptions have remained in place, but additional activities encouraging more membership together with general price increases and the increased expense of the PO Box had meant that printing and stationery costs were slightly higher this year.

As there were no questions, it was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that the Accounts for the year to 31 December 2012 be approved.

6 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

After the Treasurer confirmed that Mr R W Smith was happy to continue as Auditor, it was proposed, seconded, and unanimously agreed that he be appointed for the year to 31 December 2013.

7 ELECTION OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

As the Chairman read out the names of the nominees, proposers and seconders for the positions of Officers, each nominee stood up, and the following were unanimously elected:

Gillian Sanford (President), Geoff Harris (Honorary Treasurer), Jeanette Phillips (Honorary Secretary) and June Stearn (Assistant Secretary/Membership Secretary).

The Chairman pointed out that there was still a vacancy on the Committee for an Assistant Treasurer, and that under the Constitution the Chairman and Vice Chairman would be elected by the Committee at their next meeting.

Then she named the proposers and seconders of those nominated to become Committee members, again asking each nominee to stand as their name was mentioned. It was then unanimously agreed that the following be elected en bloc:

Pat Batley (Newsletter Editor), Helen Balisson, Colin Knights, Peter Leaman, Catriona Miller, Patricia Marino, and previously co-opted members, Jenny Heard and Neil Churcher.

The Chairman then explained that Caroline Blacker who had done excellent work particularly as a member of the Planning Team had retired from the Committee, and felt that in her absence, the Association's appreciation should be recorded. Also, Mick Carter was not standing for re-election, and he was also thanked for his work on planning and environmental issues. However, he was going to continue to work with the FRA when he was available. They both received a round of applause.

The Chairman added that new Committee member, Jenny Heard, was carrying out excellent work as the FRA Health Representative and was making progress with setting up a Patient Participation Group at Caradoc Surgery. She then thanked all the Committee for all their hard work during the year.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on 26 April 2014.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman read out an Update on the new District Plan received from Gary Guiver, TDC Planning Policy Manager (adding that the local consultation opportunity in January 2013 had been arranged as a result of a request at the last FRA public meeting), together with an Update on the NHS North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group provided by Dr Gary Sweeney, Chairman of NE Essex CCG (both of whom were speakers at the previous meeting).

The AGM was then followed by an Open Meeting where the speakers were Trevor Redburn, Assistant General Manager, North East Essex, East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust, who provided a presentation entitled "The health challenge in North East Essex - the ambulance service perspective", PC Allwood who showed a DVD entitled 'Policing in Essex - Past & Present' and reviewed the current situation, and PCSO Rob Diss who explained about the forthcoming Youth Event to be held in Tendring Technology College in September 2013. Then issues raised by members were reviewed and a question and answer session took place.

Full versions of the reports read out during the meeting, an overview of the presentations and information provided during the meeting, together with answers to questions asked can be found in a separate report available on the website.

The Chairman closed the meeting by reminding those present that Pedlars' Wood Open Days were being held on 4 & 5 and on 11 & 12 May 2013, that an FRA Coffee Morning was taking place on Saturday, 1 June 2013 in the Station Cottage Gardens, and that the next FRA public meeting would be held on 16 November 2013.

She then thanked everyone for attending, and encouraged them to attend the above events.

NB Names of Proposers and Seconders for all motions carried at the AGM 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 :