
Frinton Residents' Association

MINUTES of an Annual General Meeting held in the McGrigor Hall on 21 April 2018 at 10:00 AM

Present: President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, Assistant Secretary, 5 other Committee members, 100 Association members, 23 non-members, one MP, 8 Councillors, 2 Police Representatives and a Gazette Reporter, ie a total of 147

1 INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the elected MP for attending, together with local Councillors who were present. He then introduced Giles Watling MP & District Councillor, District Councillors Anne Davis, Anne Poonian and Nick Turner, Town & District Councillor Robert Bucke, and Town Councillors Pamela Walford, Iris Johnson, Terry Allen, and Jack Robertson, asking them to stand.

During his Chairman's Report he thanked the hard-working team of volunteers on the FRA Committee, and explained that the issues covered during the year included:

potholes, pavements and footways generally; street lighting; trees (and the FRA now had a Tree Warden on the Committee); planning application issues and the local plan; the closure of the public toilets in Old Way; health (the FRA Health Representative was also the Caradoc PPG Chairman); beach huts (the Chairman of the Beach Hut Association was also on the FRA Committee); policing; Connaught Avenue and The Spinney, together with a number of detailed issues where members had asked the FRA to help.

Meetings had taken place with the local police, and the FRA had financed and had a defibrillator installed on the wall outside Paveys' Estate Agents. This was to be gifted to the Town Council who were installing defibrillators in other areas. He added that the FRA website was, possibly, the best "goto" site for Frinton, and that two issues of the FRA newsletter, The Frinton Resident, had been published and distributed to all homes in the Frinton area during the year. He also pointed out that the FRA kept in regular contact with local Councillors via meeting with them and attending Town Council meetings. He hoped that this not only helped the FRA Committee, but also proved to help residents as it enabled the FRA to be part of a strong lobby on issues generally.

Then he pointed out that further details of issues were available in his Chairman's Report on page 6, and on other pages in the Spring 2018 issue of The Frinton Resident. He concluded by saying that other Residents' Issues would also be covered in the Open Meeting after the AGM.

2 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillor Fiona Robertson, Committee Member Jane Northover, Tony Barrett, Chairman of Frinton & Walton Heritage Trust, John Smock of Ontrack, and residents: Helen Balisson, John Hindes, Chris & Catriona Miller, Gail Evans, Denzil and Wendy Watson.

Secretary's Note: The following had also been invited to the meeting, but no apologies had been received: Mark Platt (Essex County, Tendring District and Frinton & Walton Town Councillor), Laurie Gray (TDC Councillor), Frinton & Walton Town Councillors Vanda Watling and Linda Allen.

3 MINUTES

After being proposed and seconded, the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 April 2017 were approved by a majority vote.

4 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising. However, the Chairman did explain that in future it would be necessary for attendees to bring colour-coded Membership Cards to meetings in order to vote.

5 ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer reported that there were no surprises in the Accounts for the year to 31 December 2017 (a copy of which had been placed on the seat for each attendee and a summary of which was available in Spring 2018 edition of The Frinton Resident). He pointed out that in 2017 the newsletter had been a lot cheaper to produce because it had been modified slightly, and that a donation to the Poppy Appeal had not appeared in the 2017 Accounts because this had been kindly funded by the Chairman.

The Chairman added that the defibrillator purchased by the FRA was shown in the Accounts as a Fixed Asset in 2017, but it would disappear next year when it was handed over to the Town Council.

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6 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

It was reported that Robert Smith, the current Auditor, had agreed to continue in the role, and after being proposed and seconded, it was agreed by a majority vote that he would be appointed as Auditor for the year to 31 December 2018.

7 ELECTION OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Chairman then read out from the list of Officers and Committee members standing for election, who had been proposed and seconded as shown in the Spring issue of the Frinton Resident:

Gillian Sanford (President), Geoff Harris (Honorary Treasurer), Elaine Rowland (Assistant Treasurer), Jeanette Phillips (Honorary Secretary) and Paul Sharpe (Assistant Secretary), together with himself (Alan Eldret), Neil Churcher, Ken Daniels, Colin Knights, Peter Dias, Jane Northover, Michael Talbot and Eleanor Young as Committee Members. He asked each individual to stand when their name was read out and explained that the Committee would be electing a Chairman and Vice Chairman at the first Committee meeting after the AGM.

He then reviewed the resignations during the year which included Helen Balisson who had served on the Committee for 7 years and been Assistant Secretary since 2015. He explained that unfortunately she had left the Committee for health reasons, but he wanted to express special thanks to her from the FRA as she had been a strong force on the Committee. He added that 'our love and best wishes go out to her for the future'.

Finally, he explained that two Committee members co-opted during the year had resigned. Terry Walker (Newsletter Editor) and Wendy Herd (Membership Secretary). Vacancies were now available for these roles.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

After being proposed and seconded, it was agreed by majority vote that the next AGM would be held on 6 April 2019 from 10.00 am in the McGrigor Hall.

Secretary's note: The next public meeting would be the Half-Yearly Meeting to be held on 20 October 2018 again in the McGrigor Hall from 10.00 am.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Prior to the Open Meeting where the speakers on this occasion would be Sgt Pete Gerard of Essex Police, on "Local Policing Issues and the Role of PCSOs" and Councillor Nick Turner on "The Vulnerability of the Naze to Erosion/Flooding and the Threat to the Sewage Works", after which Residents' Issues would be addressed, the Chairman pointed out the requirements of the new General Data Protection Act.

As a copy of the proposed FRA Data Protection Policy appeared onscreen, the Chairman read it out, emphasizing particular points. He pointed out that all FRA Members and Friends would be receiving an email or letter shortly, asking them to complete and return a form agreeing that their data could be held on the FRA database, and he stressed how important it was that this form be completed and returned.

After being proposed and seconded, it was agreed by majority vote that the FRA Data Protection Policy be adopted. It was then confirmed that these new requirements would come into force at the end of May 2018.

At the end of the meeting, the Chairman explained the importance of residents reporting pavement, pothole and street lighting issues on the ECC website (address in The Frinton Resident) and then to let the FRA know they had done so, so that these matters could be followed up. He also asked anyone who was not a member, to join the FRA, and repeated that a Membership Secretary and Newsletter Co-ordinator was needed on the Committee.

NB Names of proposers and seconders mentioned above can be obtained from the Honorary Secretary, together with a full report on the open meeting which is also available on the FRA website:
www.frintonresidents.co.uk

Approved: *Chairman* *Date :*