
Frinton Residents' Association

MINUTES of an Annual General Meeting held in the McGrigor Hall on 23 April 2016 at 10:00 AM

Present: President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, Assistant Secretary, five other Committee members, seventy-five Association members, sixteen non-members, two PCSOs and sixteen guests/speakers, ie a total of 120 attendees.

1 INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, and referred to his Chairman's Message in The Frinton Resident. He stated that since writing that report on activities since the last meeting, success had been achieved in arranging a meeting with Essex County Councillors where various promises had been made with regard to damaged pavements, street lights, etc. Afterwards, he had thought that it had been a good meeting, but nothing had resulted. He had followed this up, but again no promised actions had been undertaken by ECC. However, ECC had changed the telephone number for reporting potholes and dangerous pavements, and now they had stated that ECC were receiving fewer reports. He summed up by saying that ECC Portfolio Holders for Highways were not the easiest people to deal with.

The Chairman pointed out that the Association desperately needed a Membership Secretary as without someone to undertake this important role, the Association would cease to exist.

He then introduced Amber Abrahams (AA), Chairman of the Frinton Business Group who were arranging a street party to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday on 11 June 2016, from 12.00 noon to 5.00 pm in Connaught Avenue which would be closed to traffic during those hours. AA explained that tables and chairs would be placed down the middle of the road, there would be a dance competition as well as three non-competitive dance groups, four singers, a saxophone group, a children's story corner with hay bales and a magician, cake stalls, etc. The event was to be advertised on Radio Essex and in the June issue of Essex Life.

AA then stressed that they needed people to volunteer to help, possibly giving just half an hour of their time, selling programmes at 20p each, bringing out tables, putting them up and taking them down afterwards, and for traffic control, etc. They also needed to know of any other entertainers who would be available. She had a form giving contact details: telephone number and email address. It was vital that more people volunteered to help in order to make the event a success.

2 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Douglas Carswell MP, Councillor Mick Page, Councillors Jack & Fiona Robertson, Councillors Giles & Vanda Watling and Councillor Mark Platt, together with Committee Member Alan Eldret, Frinton & Walton Gazette Editor, Aynsley Davidson

Subsequently, apologies were also received from Councillor Anne Davis and residents Mike Argent, Andrea Collins and Linda Ellis.

The Chairman then welcomed and introduced the Councillors present, ie Councillors Nick Turner, Iris Johnson, Robert Bucke and Laurie Gray. (NB All the County, Town & District Councillors representing Frinton, Homelands and Hamford Ward had been invited to the meeting.)

3 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous AGM held on 18 April 2015 (as printed in the Spring 2016 edition of The Frinton Resident) were unanimously approved.

4 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

5 ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer reported that the expenditure during the year was as expected, with an increase in printing, stationery and other administration costs.

As there were no questions raised, the Accounts for the year to 31 December 2015 (copies of which were available on the seats) were approved, after being proposed and seconded.

6 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Also, after being proposed and seconded, Robert Smith was appointed Auditor for the year to 31 December 2016.

7 ELECTION OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Chairman reported that, unfortunately, four of the Committee members co-opted during the past year had resigned for various reasons: Mike Fitzgerald, Peter Langham, Frank Austing, and Ross Marks.

He then explained that the FRA would experience problems if it was not possible to recruit committed Committee members as a lot of work needed to be undertaken behind the scenes. He asked those present to contact the FRA if they were interested in joining the Committee.

The Chairman then read out the names of those Officers and Committee members who had been proposed and seconded, and were standing for re-election:

Gillian Sanford (President), Geoff Harris (Honorary Treasurer), Jeanette Phillips (Honorary Secretary) and Helen Balisson (Assistant Secretary), together with Committee Members: Alan Eldret, Neil Churcher, Jenny Heard, Colin Knights, Peter Dias, Catriona Miller, plus new members co-opted during the year, Jane Northover, Ken Daniels and Brenda Robson.

Then were all then elected en bloc after being proposed and seconded.

Secretary's Note: As stated in the Constitution, the Chairman and Vice Chairman to be elected at the first Committee meeting after the AGM. Vacancies are available for an Assistant Treasurer and three further Committee members.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next AGM would be held on 8 April 2017 from 10.00 am in the McGrigor Hall, and noted that the next public meeting would be the Half-Yearly to be held on 22 October 2016, same time, same venue as the AGM.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The AGM was followed by an Open Meeting where the speakers were Karen Soanes, Community Safety Officer, Essex Fire & Rescue Service, who covered "Fire Safety in the Home", Dennis Hoad, a serving member of Clacton Lifeboats, plus two colleagues, who provided information on "The Role of the RNLI", and Dr Karen Chumbley, Clinical Director, St Helena Hospice, who spoke about the advantages of the 'My Care Choices Register'.

Residents' Issues were also discussed, and the Chairman of the Frinton Patient Participation Group (PPG) reported on the current situation at Caradoc Surgery. PCSOs were available after the meeting to enable residents to have a personal discussion regarding policing issues.

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:

Date :

Chairman