
Frinton Residents' Association

MINUTES of an Annual General Meeting held in St Mary's Church Hall, Old Road, Frinton, on 26 April 2014 at 10:00 AM

Present: President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, five other Committee members, sixty-four Association members, seven non-members, and twelve guests/speakers.

1 INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and reiterated that as the Association was apolitical, local representatives of all the main political parties were always invited to public meetings in order to hear the views of residents and answer questions, if possible. She then read out a list of the invited guests who had apologised for being unable to attend, ie local MP, Douglas Carswell, Councillors Mick Page, David Lines, Mark Platt, B Johnson and V Watling, and asked those present (Tim Young - Labour Parliamentary Candidate, Councillors Nick Turner, Iris Johnson, Giles Watling, Jack Robertson and Terry Allen, together with Frinton in Bloom Chairman, David Foster, and Sgt Gerard to stand so that attendees knew who they were and could approach them at the end of the meeting if they required to do so. Also invited were Ivan Henderson, Leader of the TDC Labour Group on TDC, Councillor Harry Shearing (Liberal Democrat Representative), and the Press, together with speakers (as below).

2 APOLOGIES

In addition to the above, apologies had been received from FRA Committee Members Jenny Heard, June Stearn and Pat Batley, and FRA Members Katie and Rob Andrews, Gladys Rouse, Gale Evans, Mick Carter, Patsy Jacklin, Barbara Warren, Wendy and Denzil Watson.

3 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 April 2013 were approved by a majority show of hands. No-one was against and they were signed by the Chairman.

4 MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman explained that as a result of a request after the previous AGM, Residents' Issues now had a slot on the Agendas of all public meetings. It was confirmed that there were no other matters arising.

5 ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer pointed out that subscriptions and donations had increased significantly as a result of reminders to those who had forgotten to pay and a campaign to increase membership. He explained that in the 2013 Accounts, the Poppy Appeal £20 had been included in the Donations column and the 2012 Accounts had been adjusted accordingly. The Accounts for the year to 31 December 2013 were then approved by a majority show of hands, with no-one being against.

6 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

The Treasurer reported that the current Auditor, R W Smith was willing to continue, and by a majority show of hands with no-one against, he was appointed for the year to 31 December 2014.

7 ELECTION OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

After the Chairman had read out the names of the nominees, proposers and seconders for the positions of Officers, and they had stood up, the following were elected by a majority show of hands with no-one against:

Gillian Sanford (President), Geoff Harris (Honorary Treasurer) and Jeanette Phillips (Honorary Secretary).

The Chairman then explained that there was still a vacancy for Assistant Treasurer, and that as June Stearn had resigned, there was also a vacancy for Assistant Secretary. She added that it was unfortunate June Stearn was not able to be present today and appreciation was shown for the hard work she had undertaken on behalf of the Association during her 15 years on the Committee, for 10 years of which she had undertaken the role of Assistant Secretary/Membership Secretary.

She then reviewed the Constitution which stated that the positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman would be filled after elections took place at the first Committee meeting after the AGM.

Next the Chairman 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 agreed by a

majority show of hands, with no-one against, that the following be elected en bloc:

Helen Balisson, Neil Churcher, Colin Knights, Jenny Heard, Peter Leaman, Catriona Miller, Patricia Marino, previously co-opted member Gillian Manning, and new member Alan Eldret.

The Chairman reiterated that there were places for two more Committee members, and asked those present to consider joining the Committee in order to work for the benefit of Frinton.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next AGM would take place on Saturday, 18 April 2015, in the McGrigor Hall, from 10.00 am, and the Chairman pointed out that at present all future public meetings would be taking place in the McGrigor Hall which was the community hall.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The AGM was followed by an Open Meeting which included discussions on Residents' Issues. Chief Superintendent Carl O'Malley, assisted by Sgt Mark Cadd, provided a presentation on "Changes to Policing in Essex - Policies, Structures and Strategies", and Matthew Townshend, Projects Director, MT Productions spoke about "The Future of Frinton Summer Theatre - celebrating its 75th Anniversary". The Chairman also provided a report on the Patient Participation Group (PPG) at Caradoc Surgery, pointed out that the FRA would be holding a Coffee Morning in the Station Cottage Gardens on 7 June 2014, and confirmed that the next public meeting would be held on Saturday, 1 November 2014 in the McGrigor Hall.

At the end of the meeting, Patricia Marino explained that this would be her last meeting in her current role as she had spent six years as Chairman. She thanked the Committee members for their support and also thanked those present for attending the meeting. The President then interrupted to say how much everyone had appreciated her chairmanship, including that of Committee meetings and meetings with Councillors with whom she had worked closely. She thanked Patricia Marino on behalf of all members and there was a round of applause.

NB Names of Proposers and Seconders for 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 :