
Frinton Residents' Association

MINUTES of an Annual General Meeting held in the McGrigor Hall on 08 April 2017 at 10:00 AM

Present: President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, Assistant Secretary, five other Committee members, fifty-eight Association members, eleven non-members, a Police Officer and nine guests/speakers, ie a total of 90 attendees.

1 INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, and explained that a report on the year's activities had been provided in the Chairman's Message in the Spring issue of The Frinton Resident, and he would be reporting on a recent meeting with ECC regarding potholes, dangerous pavements, etc, under Residents' Issues.

He then introduced the Councillors present and asked them to stand: Councillors Mark Platt, Anne Davis, Nick Turner, Pamela Walford and Jack Robertson.

2 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence had been received from Douglas Carswell MP, Councillor Robert Bucke, Committee Members Claire Martin-Redman, together with Peter Dias and Jane Northover (apologies received after the meeting) and Residents Anita Walling, Mike & Janice Manthorpe.

Secretary's Note; Councillors who had also been invited, but did not attend were Councillors Mick Page, Laurie Gray, Giles & Vanda Watling, Iris Johnson, Terry & Linda Allen, and Fiona Robertson.

3 MINUTES

It was pointed out that the Minutes of the previous AGM held on 23 April 2016 had been printed in the Spring 2017 edition of The Frinton Resident, and after being proposed and seconded, they were unanimously approved.

4 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

5 ACCOUNTS

With copies of the Accounts for the year to 31 December 2016 being available on everyone's seat, and with no-one raising any questions, approval was proposed and seconded, and then unanimously agreed.

6 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

It was noted that the current Auditor, Robert Smith, had agreed to stand for re-election, and after being proposed and seconded, it was agreed that he be appointed for the year to 31 December 2017.

7 ELECTION OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Chairman read out the names of Committee members who were resigning at this meeting: Jenny Heard (Health Representative) (served for over 4 years), Catriona Miller (Vice Chairman) (served for over 7 years) and Claire Martin-Redman (Membership Secretary) who had been co-opted during the year. Flowers were then presented to Jenny Heard and Catriona Miller in appreciation of all the work they had done for the Association over many years.

The Chairman then read out the names of Committee Members who had resigned during the year: Mel Gardner (Newsletter Editor) and Neil Shafto (IT Support) both of whom had been co-opted during the year, and Brenda Robson, elected at the 2016 AGM.

Each Committee Member who had agreed to be re-elected was then asked to stand as he read out who they had been proposed and seconded by. These individuals were: Alan Eldret, Neil Churcher (Chairman), Ken Daniels, Peter Dias and Jane Northover (the final two of whom were not present).

Officers who had agreed to be re-elected were asked to stand as the names of their proposers and

seconders were read out. The Officers were: Gillian Sanford (President), Geoff Harris (Honorary Treasurer), Elaine Rowland (Assistant Treasurer), Jeanette Phillips (Honorary Secretary) and Helen Balisson (Assistant Secretary).

It was then proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that Officers and Committee members be elected en bloc.

Finally, the Chairman stressed how urgently more Committee members were required. He asked anyone interested in joining the Committee to get in touch as there were now seven vacancies to be filled.

The Chairman added that he would be standing down at the next Committee meeting as he had served three years in office. The President then paid tribute to the Chairman for all the hard work he had done and how well he had represented the Association. She added that she was pleased to learn that he would continue on the Committee as this ensured continuity. The Chairman then received a round of applause.

Secretary's Note: As stated in the Constitution, the Chairman and Vice Chairman to be elected at the first Committee Meeting after the AGM.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next AGM would be held on 21 April 2018 in the McGrigor Hall from 10.00 am.

Secretary's note: The next public meeting would be the Half-Yearly Meeting to be held on 21 October 2017 again in the McGrigor Hall from 10.00 am.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The AGM was followed by an Open Meeting where the speakers were Councillor Nick Turner and Ian Taylor, TDC Head of Public Realm, on the Proposals for the Refurbishment and Renewal of the area around the zigzag path, Elaine Downs, Face to Face Supervisor, Frinton, Walton & Brightlingsea Libraries on Library Services, and John Wright, Chairman/District Co-ordinator, Tendring Neighbourhood Watch, on "Neighbourhood Watch - its origins and where it is today", with support from Sgt Pete Gerard to encourage residents to set up Neighbourhood Watch Schemes. Sgt Pete Gerard also provided information on security issues, recent criminal activity in the area and duties of PCSOs.

There was then an opportunity to discuss Residents' Issues. Those raised included: Chairman's Report on potholes, pavements, street lighting and tree replacement, repairs required in Wittonwood Road, encouraging young people to join the FRA, rail ticket office closure and proposed closure of NatWest Bank in Connaught Avenue on 25 September 2017.

Sgt Gerard and FRA Committee members were available at the end of the meeting to speak to residents on other 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