



Hockley Residents Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 12 October 2010 at 19.30 hrs

Chaired by vice chair Alan James (AJ), the meeting was attended by approximately 16 members / visitors. From AJ's memory and a few notes the meeting ran as follows:

Open Meeting

RDC Core Strategy & HAAP

John Hayter – Solicitor Advocate based in Southend gave a 15 minute talk on why we should not use any green belt land for the RDC Core Strategy. This was followed by a 15 minute Q&A session. Everyone that spoke was against the CS. There was a substantial interest in attending the RDC HAAP presentation at Greensward College on the 16 November but there were concerns that they had not so far heard of this meeting.

General

We discussed the new undertakers, proposed takeaway next to the Factory Shop and the loss of the Nationwide Building Society.

Annual General Meeting

1. 2009 AGM minutes

AJ read out last years AGM minutes and they were accepted.

2. Chair's Report

As our chair Brian Guyett (BG) was on holiday, AJ read out his written remarks:-

"It's been a year dominated by planning consultations and ends with 2 more (Core Strategy and HAAP) due before Christmas. It is very disappointing that RDC keep re-consulting on the same issues and do not seem to take any note of the results. Our thanks to all those who have taken the trouble to support us by responding to the various consultations. Confidence in the integrity of RDC's consultations has been undermined by their recent, repeated refusal to correct their deliberate miss-posting of responses to an incorrect heading. RDC did belatedly arrange for duplicate postings but have not corrected their repeated statements that officers can choose where to post representations, so this will still have to go to the Ombudsman.

Concern continues to grow about the increasing trend to loose shops etc, with them being replaced by fast food outlets and undertakers. The planned closure of the Nationwide Building Society on 31 December being the latest blow. We have asked RDC to look at ways of attracting and retaining 'proper shops'.

The other major issue this year has been health. The PCT is continuing to focus spend solely in Southend and it is disappointing that our local councillors have not been willing to support the HRA in our efforts to get a fairer share of the cake.

As far as the HRA itself is concerned, the priority remains to attract new, active members. We have been trying to improve communications by increased emphasis on emails and also a Facebook page - "Hockley Residents". It is also disappointing that the Parish Plan Group has reached the end of its term and no volunteers to take forward their valuable work. These are two issues we will need to look at going forward."

3. Secretary's Report

Leslie Vingoe did not attend. BG had written there was little activity in the year.

4. Newsletter Editor's Report

BG has been filling this position producing newsletters at key times and AJ read out his written remarks:-

"It was pleasing that we issued 200 copies of objections to the Core Strategy and 460 were sent to RDC! On the downside, we had to use new deliverers for last newsletter (as usual ones unavailable) and we had many complaints. We will obviously not use them again. We have been trying to increase use of email etc. It would be helpful if people could assist by using the Facebook page. "

5. Social Secretary's Report

Brian O'Shea had another successful year with a range of coach trips and holidays being undertaken. AJ congratulated Brian again on his Highly Commended in the Rochford District Council's Citizen of the Year Awards for 2010.

6. Treasurer's Report

John Worden was on holiday but sent a report. Final figures are not yet available mainly due to the delay of the hall hire account. Any profits have mainly come from coach trips.

7. Election of Officers

Chair:	Brian Guyett
Vice Chair:	Alan James
Secretary:	Leslie Vingoe
Newsletter Editor:	Brian Guyett (acting)
Social Secretary:	Brian O'Shea
Treasurer:	John Worden
Membership Secretary:	John Worden
Day Centre Rep:	Brian O'Shea
Public Hall:	M Sewell
NAPs Reps:	Morag Guyett and John Worden
Committee Members:	Morag Guyett, H Flemmings, J Flemmings, David Fryer-Kelsey, R Cotton, Pam Worden and M Sewell

8. Other Business

None.

9. Date of Next AGM

Tuesday 11 October 2011