

## Minutes of the Bexhill Heritage Committee Meeting

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018

**Attendees:** Raymond Konyon, Steve Johnson, Paul Wright, Alexis Markwick, Simon Allen.

David Beales attended as our Planning Consultant.

**Apologies:** Emily Leach

### Evaluation of the AGM

It was agreed that the AGM had gone well. The meeting was well attended and achieved its objectives. RK felt that the Chair's report may have benefitted from being shorter.

### ACTION

- A more accessible venue to be used next time
- SJ to check raffle licence arrangements

### Strategic planning

The committee agreed priorities for 2018/19 in accordance with the charity's objects.

These were agreed as follows:

#### Object 1

To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the built environment by promoting high standards of architecture, environmental design and town planning in Bexhill and particularly within the *Bexhill Town Centre Conservation Area*.

#### Priorities

1. Establish a Local List of heritage assets
2. Research and evaluate existing local authority policies relevant to the charity's aims
3. Establish the Civic Pride Award

#### Object 2

To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the built environment by engaging Bexhill's residents and visitors in activities that stimulate an interest in and appreciation of the town's built architectural heritage.

#### Priorities

1. Establish a highly visible profile within the community through: social media, walks, talks and stalls at local events, and through both a monthly 'information point' in a key location and through 'pop ups' in other places such as Little Common's shopping area, Bexhill Farmers' Market and the seafront.
2. Conservation projects linked to regular media releases.
3. Talks at schools – role of 'school ambassador'

#### Object 3

To inform, advise and support public authorities, architects, property developers, construction companies and property owners in the conservation, repair and development of Bexhill's heritage buildings and public open spaces.

### Priorities

1. Develop the charity's planning team and find a conservation architect consultant
2. Continue to foster positive links with local authority elected representatives and officers
3. Civic Pride Award and 'talks' – see Objects 1 and 2 above

### Finance and Governance

SJ distributed the latest financial report showing a healthy balance in the account and a promising level of sponsorship for the WSC project. AM pointed out a discrepancy between the number of sponsorship donations in the 2018/19 accounts and on the website.

There were no governance matters to report.

#### ACTION

SJ to investigate discrepancy and resolve

### Planning matters

Spindlewood. Objection sent to RDC. SJ to speak at public meeting.

Cemetery Lodge. SJ awaiting invitation to participate in group to consider options for the site.

Victoria Hall. SJ to request update from RDC. David Beales mentioned additional non-compliance issues.

### Projects

WSC. SA reported that the clock mechanism would be reinstalled this week. It would be his aim to make the necessary adjustments to ensure good time-keeping for Sussex Day.

Memorial Shelter. RDC keen to make progress on this. Awaiting Tony Lightly's costings.

### Partners

SJ reported on a productive meeting with Declan Reed of Chalk Down Lime – suppliers of traditional building products. Declan willing to talk to members. SJ to invite to June meeting.

SJ reported that he would be meeting with a prospective consultant architect this week.

EL to be asked to explore 'partnership' with DLWP.

AM to explore partnership with the Hanoverian Society