

# Bexhill Heritage Committee Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

15 April 2019 7:00pm

### PRESENT

Ray Konyn (Chair) (RK) David Beales (DB), Alex Markwick (AM), Simon Allen (SA)

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting 25 March 2019 were unanimously approved as distributed.

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Steve Johnson, Amanda Dowsett, Tony Lightly

#### 2. MATTERS ARISING

DB pointed out that RK is undertaking Chair duties and Secretarial organization duties as well as organizing Events and that we need to find a reliable Secretary as soon as possible to ease the workload on RK. *(Action point: RK to send out a specific request for a BH Secretary at an appropriate time).*

#### 3. PLANNING

i) **Cemetery Lodge:** Heard nothing apart from new access approved – conditional. The condition BH had requested i.e. no development in the avenue had not been agreed by RDC. At the Cabinet meeting 5 Nov 2018, The Leader of the Council Carl Maynard stated that BH had accessed the site without the Council's permission which raised security and safety concerns. Members had agreed that it was important the site was adequately secured to prevent damage and further trespassing. This is something that BH had requested before visiting the site. *(Action point: DB to draft a reminder letter to RDC that the building is at risk and asking about progress re. securing the site).*

ii) **Spindlewood:** Since the transfer back to Planning Committee, comments have re-opened and more comments are being uploaded to the RDC planning portal. *(Nothing that BH needs to action further).*

iii) **Drill Hall:** Following confirmation of the application delay going to Planning Committee in April, the BH letter of objection is poised; in postponement and undergoing adjustments pending the appropriate time to submit it. *No further action required at present except for a prompt for follow up to our meeting with RDC Officers and Leader of the Council on 11 March 2019. Action point DB to draft a follow-up letter).*

iv) **Baptist Church, Buckhurst Road (BPN):** Awaiting report from RDC. *(Do nothing for now).*

v) **Downs Cottage (BPN):** Awaiting report from RDC. *(Do nothing for now).*

vi) **Others:** - DB wondered if anyone knows about the mechanism at RDC for promulgating changes in Government Planning Policy? None known. *(Action point: DB to enquire further)*

- Possible BH HQ options discussed. No action for now.

- Ravenside roundabout sculpture solutions were discussed. *(Do nothing for now).*

vii) **Possible changes to meeting times:** It was decided to keep meeting times as they stand.

#### 4. EVENTS

i) **Hi-viz vests:** RK and AM had designed, ordered and received 10 blue hi-viz vests for use at events for identification and promotion. Demonstrated and approved as an excellent investment. Likewise, refreshment team aprons are in the process of being ordered.

ii) **Spring / Summer Events:** An Events team has been formed. RK had produced a template checklist for events which includes participant rotas for each event; anticipated costs (if any); workwear; risk assessment and equipment. Our first outdoor event of the season will be the East Parade Easter Bonnet car display on Easter Sunday where BH will be in / outside the bandstand shelter No. 1. An Events program has been booked throughout the summer. *(Action point: AM to produce photographic display boards)*. Speakers are all lined up and the action plan in place for the BH heritage day 21 Sept.

iii) **Afternoon Tea Event:** All in the capable hands of the refreshments team. *(No action required)*.

iv) **Sussex Day Quiz:** A BH quiz with meal and raffle is booked for evening of 17 June following Sussex Day. *(Action point AM & SA to prepare questions for quiz)*. No BH event planned for Sussex Day 16 June as no project completions anticipated in time.

#### 5. PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES

i) **East Parade Shelters:** SA suggested that we might take on one of the shelters as a BH project. This was discussed and agreed that BH members certainly had the skills and wherewithal to accomplish this. RK pointed out that this had been the subject of an extraordinary meeting 21 January 2019, and dismissed for the reasons explained in those minutes. *(Leave for RDC to find solutions as they have promised, and no further action for now)*.

ii) **De La Warr Road Bus Shelter:** SA explained that a letter had been written to Huw Merriman MP, requesting his intervention regarding the ownership, but no response had been received yet.

iii) **West Parade Clock Tower:** RDC had agreed to permit BH to open up blocked ventilation to dry it out, and access the glass clock face covers, pending the appropriate H & S and liability forms to be provided. *(Action point SA to submit the required forms; access the key and proceed)*.

iv) **Max Faulkner Plaque:** Ready to proceed with the restoration work however it cannot be completed in time for Sussex Day.

v) **Pages Gap:** Draft interpretation board is on-going and proceeding. Funding applications being sought.

vii) **Local List:** Team met 9 April and formed an action plan template. First stage can now be started.

viii) **Promotional BH Videos:** *(Action point RK to follow up and set a date for the first video)*.

ix) **Civic Pride Award:** An outline framework has now been provided by Steve Johnson and a nomination template produced. Sponsors and judges need to be found. *(Action point: RK to give a presentation at the Afternoon Tea Event 27 April and seek nominations)*.

x) **I Spy Book:** Brainchild of Dr Paul Wright. A draft copy is being circulated around committee. All present are in full approval to proceed to the next stage of trialing it with young people. Funding source to be agreed. *(Action point RK to speak with Paul to move project forward)*.

#### 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

**Previous Committee meeting & AGM Minutes:** *(Action point AM to tidy up and upload)*.

**Newsletter #6:** *(Action point RK to provide cover letter and AM to email out)*.

## Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm. Next meeting 20 May at Traffers Egerton RD 7.00pm.

Minutes submitted by: Raymond Konyn  
Approved by: Name