

ACRA

Alliance of Christchurch Residents Associations

Minutes of the meeting on **Tuesday 14th June at 7.30pm**

1. **Present:** Ken Clay (Friars Cliff); Andy Glaser (Friars Cliff); Malcolm Burton-Smith (SAMRA); Mike Collard (SAMRA); ; Debbie Stephens (SAMRA); John Pendrill (West Christchurch - Chairman); Jim Biggin (West Christchurch - Secretary);
2. **Apologies for Absence:** Robin Ede (Highcliffe);
3. **Absent Without Apology:** Liz Evans (Christchurch Citizens); Rob Evans (Christchurch Citizens); John White (Christchurch Citizens);
4. **Acceptance of Minutes:** the minutes of 12th April 2011 were accepted
5. **Matters Arising - Dorset Police:** the letter from Dorset Police explaining why they take so long to process the scene of a traffic accident and thereby cause gridlock was noted but not entirely accepted. It was felt there was an element of using national guidelines to explain away a degree of local inefficiency. *It was resolved that* John Pendrill will write to Christopher Chope MP to voice our dissatisfaction and also will attempt to codify the correct procedures to be used when contacting local police for publication to our members.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** ACRA funds amount to £128.43
7. **Delegate to Bournemouth Airport:** John Pendrill reported that no consultative meeting had been held since our last meeting. The new £2.50 charge for entering the airport was discussed and agreed to be a PR disaster. The matter will be raised at the next consultative meeting.
8. **Delegate to Christchurch Community Partnership:** Malcolm Burton-Smith reported that: DCC has withdrawn funding from CCP and has reduced the funding available for the care of delinquent children; contributions to Druitt Hall redevelopment have been ring-fenced by CBC and no further progress is anticipated in the near future;
9. **Member's Current Issues:**
 - 9.1. SAMRA reported that: the new Mundeford Wood Community Centre Trust has been formed and is aiming to take over management in 2012; a survey of members had revealed that 80% prefer black plastic sacks to wheelie bins for waste disposal
 - 9.2. Friars Cliff reported that: a presentation given by CBC on the Localism Bill had caused some concern as it relates to planning (the meeting felt that such concerns were premature as the Bill had a long journey through Parliament before it became an Act); cycling on the old promenade has been reinstated and is felt to be dangerous given the proximity to children
 - 9.3. West Christchurch reported that: the first draft plan for the Management of St Catherine's Hill has been referred back to the facilitator for rewriting; the road-works on Hurn Road-Fairmile Road are

causing acute discomfort to local residents through excessive noise, vibration and flashing yellow lights. DCC had undertaken no prior consultation with ward councillors or Residents Associations. WCRA have now forewarned Christchurch Citizens and a Portfield Councillor and have complained to DCC

- 10. Meeting with CBC June 2011:** SAMRA requested that we ask David McIntosh and his team what arrangements are to be put in place for dealing with adverse weather in the winter 2011-12. It was felt that the demarcation lines between CBC and DCC were not well enough defined. It was further felt that a definitive statement should be available on the legal advisability or otherwise of residents clearing their own paths and the public footpath in front of their house
- 11. Meeting with CBC September 2011:** all members were asked to consider what topics they would like raised and whether or not they wished to be represented at the meeting.
- 12. Meeting Councillor Spenser Flower September 2011:** all members were asked to consider what topics they would like raised in addition to the newly discovered additional £7 million shortfall in the 2011-12 budget
- 13. Canford Bottom Roundabout – A31:** WCRA indicated they had heard that as part of the preparation for the Olympics the junction of A31, B3073, Wimborne Road and Canford Bottom is to be redesigned at a cost of several million pounds with B3073 being closed from Hampreston for 10 months. The new junction will apparently embrace 70 (seventy) sets of traffic lights. *It was resolved that Jim Biggin will write to DCC seeking clarification.*
- 14. Joint Working CBC-EDDC – the Current Situation:** things appear to be functioning well
- 15. Independent Panel on Forestry:** members were asked to participate in this exercise of public consultation on the future of the nation's forests
- 16. Local Hospitals:** the possible loss of Southampton Cardiac Unit for Children was reiterated; *it was resolved that Mike Collard would write on behalf of ACRA*
- 17. Next Meeting:** Tuesday September 13th 2011 at The Hall on the Hill, West Christchurch at 7.30pm

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