

ACRA

Alliance of Christchurch Residents Associations

Minutes of the meeting on **Tuesday 11th March 2014 at 7.30pm**

1. **Present:** Liz Evans (Christchurch Citizens); Rob Evans (Christchurch Citizens); Ken Clay (Friars Cliff); Rachel Sowden (Grange); Sharon Pym (Grange); John Mather (Highcliffe); Debbie Stephens (SAMRA); Mike Collard (SAMRA - Chairman); David Barnett (West Christchurch) Jim Biggin (West Christchurch – Secretary);
2. **Absent:** Somerford
3. **Acceptance of Minutes:** the minutes of 10th December 2013 were accepted
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - 4.1. **Update Meeting with CBC Executive (minute 11):** Jim Biggin was authorised to arrange a meeting with CBC Executive
 - 4.2. **Dorset Police (minute 12):** Jim Biggin confirmed that he, Mike Collard (SAMRA) and Nigel West (Christchurch Citizens) had met with Martyn Underhill. A full note of the meeting has been posted to www.wcresidents.co.uk
 - 4.3. **Update Meeting with DCC Finance (minute 13):** Jim Biggin was authorised to arrange a meeting with DCC Councillor Robert Gould
 - 4.4. **Meeting with DCC Highways (minute 14):** Jim Biggin confirmed that the presentation had taken place. An additional meeting with DCC Highways (Planning) had been minuted and the minutes posted to the website
5. **Treasurer's Report:** ACRA funds amount to £75.63. The Treasurer outlined the need for a small levy on member associations. *It was resolved that any member having more than 100 members should contribute £20 on or before the June 2014 meeting*
6. **Appointment of Officers and Delegates**
 - 6.1. **Chairman:** Mike Collard (SAMRA) agreed to continue in office but it was left for any other member to offer a potential replacement prior to the June 2014 meeting
 - 6.2. **Treasurer:** Debbie Stephens (SAMRA) agreed to continue in office
 - 6.3. **Secretary:** Jim Biggin (WCRA) agreed to continue in office
 - 6.4. **Bournemouth Airport:** John Mather (Highcliffe) agreed to continue in office
 - 6.5. **Druitt Hall and Gardens:** Liz and Rob Evans (Christchurch Citizens) agreed to continue in office
7. **Delegate to Bournemouth Airport:** John Mather outlined the latest developments:
 - 7.1. **Passenger throughput:** the airport is trundling along but there is no sign of growth. This has adversely affected the funding of

improvements to the B3073 and in particular the proposed new Hurn roundabout. *It was resolved that* Jim Biggin would obtain particulars from DCC

7.2. Business Park: continues to operate profitably

7.3. City Deal: this has been dropped for a variety of reasons. *It was resolved that* we would ask CBC for better particulars

- 8. ACRA Participation in local flood defences:** Councillor Margaret Phipps joined the meeting for this agenda item and participated in a general discussion of possibilities. *It was resolved that* Jim Biggin will meet with CBC Officers, Councillor Phipps, and other relevant representatives with a view to producing a working draft proposal for ACRA consideration
- 9. Druitt Hall:** Liz Evans (Christchurch Citizens) reported on the current situation in which nothing had been resolved despite efforts made by Christchurch Citizens
- 10. Druitt Gardens:** since the last meeting valuable trees had been lost in Druitt Gardens and following a public outcry CBC Strategic Director David Barnes had produced a special report on what had occurred. This report can be found at www.wcresidents.co.uk . The report showed a sad litany of CBC officer mismanagement going back to 2006. This report will now be considered by the CBC Audit and Scrutiny Committee
- 11. CBC Planning Department:** the shocking revelations contained in the Druitt Gardens report come hard upon the heels of other less than satisfactory events involving CBC Planning Department. These were discussed *and it was resolved that* Jim Biggin will speak with each member association about their local concerns. He will consolidate these discussions into a single report to be discussed at the June ACRA meeting
- 12. Next Meeting:** Tuesday 10th June 2014 at The Hall on the Hill, West Christchurch at 7.30pm.

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