

Christchurch Citizens' Association

Draft Minutes of Meeting Monday 7th January 2013

The meeting opened at 1930 with 22 members present. The Chair welcomed members and councillors

1. Apologies were received from Brenda Shelley and Lynne Kerrigan.
2. The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 3rd December 2012 were reviewed and the following points raised:
 - a. Item 2, minutes of meeting Monday 5th November. Cllr Hall made it clear that the statement about the Civic Offices going did not come from him. Cllr Geary supported him in this. Cllr Nottage said that the press already had the minutes. Chair expressed concern about how they could have got to the press as they were unratified draft minutes and had only been seen by Secretary, Chair and Cllr Geary prior to this meeting. Cllr Nottage requested his name be struck from minutes as he was not source of quote. Meeting agreed that second sentence should be cut at 2015 so that it read "Cllr Hall said he did not say the Civic Office was going by 2015". Cllr Geary suggested the press be contacted with the correction.
 - b. Item 3, Mr Shelley said that he and Mrs Shelley had not written to the Boat House complaining about the noise and it was agreed to take this sentence out.
 - c. Item 4, paragraph 2 Stephanie Elliott should be corrected to Stephanie King and Elliott Marx. Cllr Hall asked for the minutes to explicitly state that he had made it clear that he would not take part in the vote as he was on the Planning Committee.

With these amendments, the minutes were accepted by the meeting.

3. Matters Arising:
 - a. Kings Hotel. Chair told meeting he had met with the manager and maintenance manager who said that the screens on the millstream side had been replaced with adjustable louvres. Cllr Gillian Geary informed meeting that an officer had been in discussion with Kings Hotel about a number of issues, including the louvres, and agreed to keep the meeting informed about the outcome of these discussions.
4. Druitt Hall. At 3rd January planning meeting the plan to demolish the Hall was rejected by the Planning Committee. Cllr Hall told the meeting that he and Cllr Geary had been asked by the Council Leader to convene a meeting to progress the development of Druitt Hall. This was scheduled to take place on Thursday 10th January and include three councillors, two officers and interested parties from the Druitt Hall Support Group, including Chair of CCA. This meeting would try to establish the constituted group who would take on the Hall. Peter Fenning reported that a group of people, under the auspices of Friends of Druitt Hall, were researching and preparing a report for the meeting on 10th January and intended to have a business plan and funding in place by the end of January. There was an intention to seek planning permission for a new hall and to continue using the existing hall for two years while this was being built. Cllr Nottage said that there would be support from council officers in developing the constitution.
5. Boat House. It was reported to the meeting that there was a meeting of the Licencing sub-committee scheduled on 10th January at which local residents

(including Brenda Shelley) would be making representations. The Boat House would also need to go to Planning Committee with their proposals. The Chair said that he had been told by Boat House management that they would be prepared to install sound reduction screens.

6. Christchurch Hospital. Planning application had been refused at 3rd January Planning Committee. Cynthia Moss said that any future planning application as major as this should be considered by the full council. Cllr Bungey explained that there was historical precedent for this and Cllr Nottage said that if a planning request came back it would need much more negotiation and it was possible for it to go to full council if requested by the local ward councillors. The meeting agreed that a request for this should be discussed with other residents associations and if agreed made through ACRA.
7. Future Location of CBC. The Chair asked councillors about the format and timing of consultation on any proposals for the future location of Christchurch Borough Council Officers. Cllr Nottage said that there was soon to be a review of the East Dorset Partnership Five Year plan, which envisaged a central office with satellites. He said that CBC had three non-negotiables in this:
 - a. A location in Christchurch where citizens could get information
 - b. A location in Christchurch for elected members' meetings.
 - c. The Mayoralty.

The Chair emphasised the need for citizens to be able to talk directly with Officers, and the need to consider affordable options that included some officers located in Christchurch. Cllr Geary said that no decisions could be made until proposal were put to members by officers and Cllr Nottage confirmed that there would be consultation with residents' associations at that stage but not yet clear what that consultation would be like.

With no other business or correspondence, the meeting closed at 2110. The next meeting is Monday 4th February 2013, 1930 in DrUITT Hall.