

Minutes of Meeting Monday 1st October 2012

The meeting opened at 1930 with 17 members present. The Chair welcomed members.

1. Apologies were received from John White, Peter Fenning, Cllr Gillian Geary and Lynne Kerrigan.
2. The meeting agreed that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 3rd September were an accurate record.
3. Matters Arising:
 - a. Rowing Club. Peter Hall told meeting that he had heard that Rowing Club had received notification on their application for financial support but no information on what this was.
 - b. No further information on development of old medical centre in Saxon Square.
 - c. Supermarket planning applications. Meeting to consider these 23rd October 3.00 p.m. would be open to the public.
 - d. No further information on the new vicarage proposals. The wall in the Bank car park is in need of repair by the owner and the meeting agreed that CCA should write to request this is done.
 - e. The Kings Priory Suite. It was reported that the blinds to prevent overlooking of neighbouring properties had been removed. The meeting agreed that CCA should write to hotel requesting re-instatement of these (or a satisfactory alternative). The meeting reiterated that CCA supported Kings as an organisation but wanted the issues dealt with appropriately
 - f. All other items on the agenda for this meeting
4. Future of Christchurch Hospital. Cllr Bungey reported that the open sessions to view the Trust proposals had brought a favourable response to these. There was a meeting of the Joint Residents Association later this week to discuss any issues. Sue Newman told the meeting that there was no reference to the "H" block of the hospital building, which was part of the conservation area and part of Christchurch's heritage. The meeting was told that the proposed development was being financed privately by Quantum (Bournemouth based). The Chair proposed that the CCA contact Quantum, either by writing or a meeting with the Joint Residents' Association, to request that they include in their plans and the development, retaining the building frontage onto the lawned area. Following discussion of the role of the Council in looking after Conservation Areas, the meeting agreed with the Chair's proposal.
5. Future Location of Christchurch Borough Council. The Chair notified the meeting that the Joint Residents' Association had a meeting with the Chief Executive (and, it was hoped, the Leader of the Council), on Friday 19th October. Questions would include:
 - a. What process will the Council be following to decide which officers will be located where, in future?
 - b. What is the time frame?The meeting agreed that it was essential services were maintained in Christchurch town and that a "one-stop shop" would not be sufficient for people to meet with officers and there would result a dilution of services. It expressed the fear that in the longer term Christchurch Borough Council would be "giving up its sovereignty", become attenuated and then disappear.
6. Boat House operation. The meeting agreed to postpone this item to the November meeting when the members most concerned would be present.
7. New Sign Posts in Christchurch. The meeting discussed these, agreeing that they are not sympathetic to the town, nor, in many cases, well sited, and agreed that CCA should write to the responsible director (David Barnes) and the Chief Executive expressing disappointment.

8. Proposed Wind Farm off Christchurch Bay. The Chair requested that members commented individually on this proposal as the quantity of comments was a significant factor.

9. Any other business.

a. Email from Winifred and Leonard telling CCA of their move to Cheshire and their best wishes to the Association, was read out.

b. Chair reported on the meeting about Druitt Hall that had taken place on 27th September. At this Alastair Somerville Ford had propose refurbishing the existing Hall so it could continue in use for up to five years while his organisation (Institute of Commercial Management) identified a site and built a new hall which would be put into the ownership of the East Dorset Heritage Association. Project to be funded by the surpluses of the Institute of Commercial Management, which was set up as a charitable trust. The importance of low rent and accessibility was emphasised. CCA meeting unanimously supported this proposal.

The meeting closed at 2055. The next meeting is Monday 5th November 2012, 1930 in Druitt Hall.