

**HASTINGS AND ST LEONARDS FORESHORE CHARITABLE TRUST  
ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING  
26 SEPTEMBER 2012**

Present: Councillors Cooke (as the duly appointed substitute for Councillor Gurney), Hodges (in the Chair) and Kramer.  
Also in attendance Mr Chris May, Protector.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Gurney.

**1. WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR OF THE CHARITY COMMITTEE,  
COUNCILLOR JOHN HODGES**

Councillor John Hodges, Chair of the Charity Committee welcomed members of the public to the annual public meeting of the Hastings and St Leonards Foreshore Charitable Trust.

**2 TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR  
2011/2012**

The Head of Financial Services had presented a report on the 2011/12 Annual report and Accounts to the Charity Committee meeting immediately prior to this meeting. He also presented his report to this meeting. The Hastings and St Leonards Foreshore Charitable Trust, Trustee's report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2012 were appended to his report. The Council had received an unqualified opinion on the accounts from the external auditor's (Manningtons).

The Annual report and Accounts had to be formally adopted by the Council's Charity Committee and this had been done by the meeting held earlier that evening.

The financial position in 2011/12 showed an actual outturn surplus figure of £203,219. In terms of net current assets (effectively the cash position), the balance was £1,812,142 at 31 March 2012, whilst total funds (which included all assets) amounted to £2,023,309.

**3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No written questions had been submitted. Six questions were asked orally at the meeting and answers given. The questions and replies are appended to these minutes.

**4 REPORT FROM GRANTS ADVISORY PANEL**

Sandra Garner, Chair of the Foreshore Trust Grants Advisory Panel, presented the first Annual report of the Grant Advisory Panel of the Foreshore Trust. The panel had approved 17 of the 52 applications received, totalling £49,997. The report had been submitted to the Charity Committee meeting

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held immediately prior to this meeting. Appended to the report were details of some of the projects supported by the Foreshore Trust in Round 1.

Sandra Garner, Chair of the Foreshore Trust Grants Advisory Panel, commented that she had received good support from Council Officers and the other panel members.

Nick Sangster updated the meeting on the work of the Coastal Users Group. Councillor Hodges, the Chair, and Councillors Cooke and Kramer expressed their thanks to the Coastal Users Group for their work throughout 2011/2012.

(The meeting closed at 7.31 pm)