

**HASTINGS AND ST LEONARDS FORESHORE CHARITABLE TRUST
ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING
30 SEPTEMBER 2013**

Present: Councillor Forward, Hodges (in the Chair) and Kramer.
Also in attendance Mr Chris May, Protector.

**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. He thanked the Coastal Advisory Group and the Grant Advisory Panel for their work throughout 2012/13.

**2 TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR
2012/2013**

The Head of Financial Services presented a report on the 2012/13 Annual report and Accounts to the Charity Committee. The Hastings and St Leonards Foreshore Charitable Trust, Trustee's report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2013 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 been formally approved and adopted by the Council's Charity Committee. This had taken place at the 6pm meeting prior to the Annual Public Meeting.

The financial position in 2012/13 showed an actual outturn surplus figure of £160,000. In terms of net current assets (effectively the cash position), the balance was £1,503,275 at 31 March 2013, whilst total funds (which included all assets) amounted to £1,986,753.

4 REPORT FROM GRANTS ADVISORY PANEL

Dick Edwards, Vice Chair of the Foreshore Trust Grants Advisory Panel (GAP), spoke on behalf of Sandra Garner, Chair of the Foreshore Grants Advisory Panel, regarding their Annual report. The panel had approved 16 of the 31 applications received, totalling £49,978. The report had been submitted to the Charity Committee meeting held immediately prior to this meeting. Appended to the report were details of some of the projects supported by the Foreshore Trust in Round 3.

Mr Edwards mentioned the schedule for the small grants programme can be time restricted for applicants.

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3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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

(The meeting closed at 7.17pm)

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QUESTIONS SUBMITTED ORALLY

1. There has been no mention of events small grants programme. Events take a lot of planning. Is there anything that can be done to move the process forward in the year?

Reply

Answered by the Head of Regeneration and Planning Policy:
This was the first year. Next year we plan to receive applications at beginning of the year. Hopefully decisions can be made in March. We will be discussing the criteria used for those grants.