

**NOTES OF  
Hastings & St. Leonards Coastal Users' Group  
Annual General Meeting  
Held on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November @ 1800hrs.**

**Present:**

Paul Carter (PC) (Chair) – East Hastings Sea Angling Association  
Kevin Boorman (KB) – Hastings Borough Council  
Christine Boulton-Lane (CBL) – West of Haven Beach Users Association  
Jill Bradley (JB) – Hastings Old Town Residents Association  
Alan Care (AC) – Hastings and Rother Disability Forum  
Di Cooke (DC) – Hastings Lifeguards  
Cllr Mike Howard (MH) – HBC (West St Leonards Ward)  
Yasmin Ornsby (YO) – Stade Partnership  
Andre Palfrey-Martin (APM) – Save Our Heritage  
Allison Pascual (AP) – Hastings Borough Council  
Cllr Dawn Poole (DP) – HBC (Old Hastings Ward)  
Nick Sangster (NS) – Hastings Borough Council  
Anne Scott (AS) – Old Hastings Preservation Society  
Cllr Trevor Webb (TW) – HBC (Central St Leonards Ward)

**1. APOLOGIES**

Monica Adams-Acton – Hastings Borough Council  
Fiona Bell – Hastings Borough Council  
Cliff Meaden – Epic Life  
Tim Godwin – Hastings Urban Bikes  
Simon Opie – Hastings Pier Charity  
Chris Richards – Hastings Adventure Golf  
Jan Sellers – Fishermen's Museum  
Jacqui Stanford – Shipwreck Heritage Museum

**2. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Two nominations to continue with the joint Chair arrangement (Paul Carter and Cllr Dawn Poole) were received prior to the meeting. In addition, a proxy vote was also received.

An additional nomination for Paul Carter to be sole Chair was received but this was not seconded.

The meeting voted and agreed to continue with the current arrangement. Both Chairs were thanked for their hard work over the last year.

### **3. INTRODUCTION – HBC’s Regeneration Officer and Sea Escapes Business Advisor**

Fiona Bell, HBC’s Regeneration Officer and Sea Escapes Business Adviser was not able to attend the meeting but will be invited to the next one. Nick advised that:

- As part of the Coastal Communities Funded projects, HBC are setting up a business mentoring network to support businesses within the creative, heritage and tourism sector.
- The network will support eligible businesses by offering free one-to-one business mentoring in areas such as marketing, sales, HR and business development.
- The project is currently looking to recruit experienced business owners as mentors.
- For more information on the project, Fiona can be contacted on 01424 451786 or via email: [FBell@hastings.gov.uk](mailto:FBell@hastings.gov.uk)

HBC’s Strategic Cultural Development Specialist, Polly Gifford, will also be invited to the next meeting to talk about the Root1066 Festival. CUG members were advised that there will be a lot of press releases regarding the events in due course.

### **4. COASTAL ITEMS UPDATE (NS)**

Highlighted/additional points to the previously circulated report:

#### **Bathing Water Quality Update**

- Bathing Water Quality has met the new EU standard. Hastings has been classified as ‘good’ and St Leonards has been classified as ‘excellent.’
- It is intended that the focus will remain on improving water quality and cleanliness in the area and it has been suggested that a Marine Litter working group be set up to take this work forward; volunteers for this working group are sought.

#### **Bottle Alley**

- Following receipt of three tenders, it is hoped the contract can be issued in the next few weeks for works to start in January, for completion in March.
- The recent Coastal Currents curated art had generated a lot of interest and there are others who would like to do the same.

#### **FLAG Project / Winch Road**

- FLAG 2 – it is expected there will be between 6 and 8 FLAGS and it is likely to be a competitive process.
- HBC officers were thanked for their support with the projects.
- Winch Road work was completed to schedule.

#### **White Rock Promenade**

- The amended planning application will be heard by HBC’s Planning Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> November.

## 5. FORESHORE TRUST ITEMS (NS)

Highlighted/additional points to the previously circulated report:

### Rock-a-Nore Road

- Results of East Sussex County Council's inspection in the area are still awaited.

### White Rock Baths

- Works are nearing completion.
- It is hoped the facility will be open early in the New Year.
- A visit for CUG members will be arranged in due course. **Action: NS**

### Tidal pool

- The draft report which assessed a number of sites has been received. Once it is finalised a member of the Facebook group will be invited to one of the CUG meetings.

## 6. INFORMATION ITEMS

The Charity Committee minutes of 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015 were noted.

Round 4 of the Foreshore Trust Event Grants, 2016-17 has just opened and the notice went out earlier today.

Management of the Stade Facilities working group – HOTRA would like to be involved in this work and also has a view that the wider community should have some input into the process.

## 7. MEMBER UPDATES / ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Diver records – PC informed the meeting that EHSAA has agreed that Diver records will be kept.

7.2 Flood plan for Bulverhythe – NS updated that this has been extended to cover a wider part of the area and that a new draft flood response plan has been put together.

7.3 Bathing pool site – HBC Cabinet has agreed to go out to consultation on future use of the site. A working group to include businesses and residents who live and work in the area will be set up to take the work forward.

7.4 Events on the Stade Open Space – KB informed the meeting that the Seafood and Wine Festival, Hastings Week and Herring Festival events held recently on the Stade were very successful and attracted a lot of visitors. The Seafood and Wine Festival, in particular, received a lot of positive feedback.

7.5 Aquila House refurbishment – NS confirmed that works are due to be completed by 15<sup>th</sup> February.

**8. NOTES OF LAST MEETING (8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER)**

The notes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record.

**9. REMAINING SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2016 (Tuesdays 6pm)**

8th March 2016

7th June 2016

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

8th March 2016 – venue tbc

Meeting closed: 1907hrs.

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