

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HYPHE AND DIBDEN COMMUNITY

ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 1987

The meeting was opened by Mr. Stan Wade, the Chairman, who welcomed the 40 members present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. S. Barton and Mrs. S. Jary.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM ON 14TH MARCH 1986

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 14th March 1986 were approved and accepted.

3. MATTERS ARISING - None

At this point in the meeting Mrs. Joan Breton of the Waterside Art Group said she felt there was inadequate publicity regarding the AGM and members of her own group were unaware that it was to be held. Large bold notices she suggested would have brought attention more effectively to the meeting. The Chairman asked Mr. David Grant the Vice Chairman to comment. Mr. Grant said he had arranged publication in the local free papers which was a new idea and the Centre itself carried notices. However, the comments were accepted and it was agreed that in future all Activity Groups attached to the Centre would receive advice of impending AGM's and bolder notices would be displayed.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman opened his report with special emphasis on the maintenance of the building and the development of grounds around the building. 1986 had seen considerable effort put into the outside maintenance, including drainage and landscaping. This work had all been achieved through voluntary support.

There was special pride in the gardens which were planted and maintained by the Walkers' Group led by Mrs. Sylvia Barton and Mr. D. Gillard. Thanks were due to them also for their voluntary contributions that were donated to the Building Fund.

The monthly Discos provided a steady income and both Mrs. Christine Reeve and Mrs. Marilyn Grant were thanked for their efforts in respect to this.

He further said that there were many groups and individuals who had earned the thanks of the Centre and he expressed his warm appreciation for all the efforts they had made - the staff in the kitchen, the running of the office, Mr. David Grant for his many maintenance activities, and of course Mr. Jack Armitage, whose personality certainly was most helpful in maintaining the right atmosphere at the Centre, not forgetting his wife Joyce who excelled in ensuring the cleanliness of our Centre. The Wardens also were a most important aide to the good running of the place and their regular evening commitments were vital in its successful operation. He thanked them all for their support both to him and the Centre.

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There is now a further tenant at the Centre, viz: the Registrar for Births and Deaths, who is now in occupation of an office three days a week. This of course brings further visitors to the Centre.

The Chairman then went on to say a little about the development. It was he said, as far back as 1972 when the Round Table formed a Steering Committee for a Community Association and he first became Chairman. This was his thirteenth year in office and albeit his last, felt he be allowed some reminiscences.

During the past thirteen years there had been three Vice Chairmen, four Treasurers and three Secretaries, certainly a very low turnover in personnel. This, together with the enthusiasm and the support from all the workers had enabled him to put things together to supply a real need for the village and a service to the public. He concluded by thanking his wife Kathleen for her co-operation and support in all he had endeavoured to do.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Financial Statement for the year was presented and the Treasurer said that considerable cash had been spent on the Hall and the fence to the rear of the building. The cash reserves had been built up and stood at £7,000 which is £1,000 more than last year and a very satisfactory achievement for the Association. Membership was the same as last year, but greater publicity would help to increase this. Next year it should be possible to allocate some funds for publicity purposes and the preparation of a booklet about the Centre.

There was an increase of £1,000 from the previous year for Hall Rentings and the takings in the kitchen were up by a similar amount. Tea Dance, Boot Sales and Jumble Sale takings had all dropped. We had lost the Social Committee early in the year, but it was hoped in 1987 that this could be reformed. Once a month Discos are run at the Parish Hall and a profit of £700 was made, thanks to the efforts of a small group of people.

There is a lease on the present building and accommodation has to be re-built in the future. There is an amount of £7,000 in the deposit account and it is hoped that at some time this can be put into a longer term investment to give a better return. Meantime, however it is necessary to have immediate access to these monies to cover any contingencies which may arise, such as roof repairs, etc.

£300 had already been spent on the roof and the drains were recently repaired by Mr. David Grant and the Treasurer himself with the help of a local builder for a small fee, thus saving an expenditure of £300 on the drains.

An Auditor had been employed this year as had been agreed previously. He had suggested no drastic changes, but some new systems were to be introduced on 1st March 1987.

Mr. Roger Bang proposed a motion that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

6. SECRETARY'S REPORT

No permanent Secretary in office at this time.

7. ELECTION OF HONORARY OFFICERS

In accordance with the Rules laid down, nominations were accepted up to mid-day on 31st January 1987.

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There were : 1 nomination for Chairman - Mr. K. Batchelor
 1 nomination for Vice-Chairman - Mr. D. Grant
 1 nomination for Secretary - Mrs. G.M. Legate

These three nominations were presented to the members present and accepted by the floor.

No nomination had been received for the post of Treasurer, and the Chairman suggested that a nomination should be put up at the first Council Meeting on 25th February 1987.

From the floor, Mr. Roger Bang said he had put in a nomination for Treasurer, namely Mr. Stan Wade. However, Mr. Wade who was retiring as Chairman after thirteen years was unable to undertake these duties and this year would be concentrating on his local Parish Council election.

At this stage, Mr. Wade the outgoing Chairman said it was appropriate for him to hand over to Mr. Ken Batchelor, the new incumbent of the office. Mr. Batchelor then duly took over the Chair.

8. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR THE COMING YEAR

The appointment of an Auditor was then considered and Mr. M.G. Willis was proposed by Mr. Wade to act for the Association. A vote of thanks for his work was proposed by Mr. Wade. A token charge of £10 had been made by the Auditor for 1986.

9. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

It was proposed that Mrs. Joan Breton should join the Committee to handle publicity and this was agreed.

A further member was required to join the Committee and Mr. Roger Bang volunteered. This was agreed and approved.

The new Chairman, Mr. Batchelor said that only about one Council Meeting had been held in the past and he would like to see these held more frequently, perhaps four or even six times a year, in order to spread responsibility and extend participation in the running of the Centre. He urged members to make every effort to bring this about.

10. NOTICES AND RESOLUTIONS

It had been agreed to set up a Building Fund, to which the Walkers' Group were contributing. The Executive have agreed to look into a better investment for the Association's Funds.

The Executive resolved a few weeks ago that the cost of Room Hire would be reviewed each year. From 1st March 1987 there would be a 4% increase across the board, which should make a difference of £300/£400 per year.

Greater use of the building at week-ends had been discussed. Mr. Wade had been opening the Centre on Saturday mornings until 1 pm, but enquiries have been received from the public for week-end functions. It was felt that in order to do this and thus make greater utilisation of the Centre, some token payment should be given to Wardens who undertake week-end duties. Week-end hire charges would therefore, reflect some payment to Wardens.

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The Totton Training Centre at Hythe telephoned to offer us a Bingo Machine free of charge and this has now been collected. It would seem that there is sufficient interest to start a Bingo Club but the legalities have to be checked and as soon as this has been done it is hoped to establish this.

A donation of £50 has been received from Hythe Primary School to be given to elderly people. It had been decided that bird feeders for housebound senior citizens would be a very appropriate way to use this money. The cost of buying these through a retail outlet would be expensive, but discussions had been entered into with the Totton Training Centre who were looking for work and would be willing to make these for us. A suggestion was made that Hythe Hospital would know of suitable recipients.

The meeting was informed that there had been no Social Committee for nine months and Mr. Bill Pullen had volunteered to help run a new Social Committee. He would be invited to the first Council meeting.

11. DATE OF NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting was informed that the date for the next General Council Meeting would be 25th February 1987.

At this point during the meeting there was a break in the normal business for a special occasion. Mrs. Pam Bridge on behalf of the Community Association members made a presentation to Mr. Stan Wade of a "Border Fine Arts" stoat. This was a small token in appreciation of all his help and efforts over thirteen years for the community, culminating in the Centre coming into being. A beautiful dried flower arrangement was also presented to Mrs. Kathleen Wade who had supported and helped her husband's efforts over the years.

In conclusion there was a short discussion about the requirement that the existing building be replaced within ten years and the possibility that the combined use with other organisations such as the Citizens Advice Bureau should make this possible.

There has been some emphasis on the part of the Parish Council to get together with ourselves and combine efforts for a composite building. In the immediate future Messrs. Batchelor, Grant and Parkes would attend a meeting called by the Parish Council on this matter. They will look at all possibilities and determine our final options, reporting back at the Council meeting on 25th February 1987.

12. DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The date for the next Annual General Meeting was set for Wednesday 10th February 1988. Nominations for Honorary Officers will close fourteen days before on 27th January 1988.

The meeting was then closed by the Chairman.