

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF HYTHE AND DIBDEN
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, BRINTON
LANE, HYTHE ON MARCH 23, 1991

Present: R Knieriem (chairman), S Wade (vice-chairman), R White (secretary), E Bateman (treasurer), H Hunter, C Versey, K Webb (executive members) and 15 members of the association.

The chairman welcomed the small gathering. Apologies for absence were received from P Ledingham and Mr and Mrs Jary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. There were no matters arising.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Mr Knieriem said that since the last annual meeting the centre had been broken into and as a result an electronic security system had been installed. The roof had been successfully repaired and extensive painting had taken place inside the premises. Another session was planned to concentrate on interior woodwork.

He thanked everyone who had helped the centre during the year, especially the office and kitchen volunteers and warden and cleaner Jack and Joyce Armitage. Joyce was in hospital at the time of the meeting, but it was hoped she would soon be able to resume her duties. He thanked the committee for making his job an easy one during the year.

Moves were being made as a prelude to seeking outline planning permission to rebuild on the centre site, but all future plans were subject to cash being available from grant aid authorities. The association had its share of the cash needed to start the first phase, but obtaining grant aid was a long and difficult task in the present economic climate.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The secretary said that the shortage of evening wards was causing much concern and the situation was particularly difficult because he and the chairman were planning a holiday at the same time in June. Offers of help to cover during that period were kindly made by C Versey, K Webb, Y Parkes and S Barton. It was thought the efforts would eliminate most if not all the problems.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mrs. Bateman explained that changes had been made in investment accounts to maximise income during the year. She emphasised that all projects had been carefully considered before authorising expenditure and it had not been necessary to use any of the association's reserves. An audited financial statement was available at the meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The secretary reported there had been only one nomination for each of the four executive officers. Without a ballot the officers were re-elected.

ELECTION OF GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Due to the low turnout it was proposed by S Wade and seconded H Hunter that all members present should be elected to the General Committee.

AUDITORS: Thanks were extended to Brian Arthur and Co, chartered accountants of 18 Pylewell Road, for acting as auditors. It was resolved to invite Mr Arthur to act as auditor for the coming year.

DISCO: The chairman thanked disco workers for all their help in organising a very successful series of evenings for nine to 13 year-olds. It had been feared that the disco would face problems when two organisers decided to leave, but Mr Knieriem was stunned by the enthusiasm of the other volunteers and their determination to keep the vent alive. It was proving to be a sell-out month after month.

There being no other business raised by members, the meeting closed at 9.06pm