

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 5 November 2012

Commencing 1930 in DrUITt Hall

Present: CCA Cynthia Moss – President
 Nigel Cook – Chairman
 Patrick de Laine – Treasurer
 Lynne Kerrigan – Secretary

 Cllr Peter Hall
 Cllr Gillian Geary and Cllr Nick Geary

 13 members of the public

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr and Mrs Evans.

2 Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 October 2012 were approved and signed as a correct record.

3 Matters Arising

The Chairman ran through the main items which formed the agenda for this meeting.

4 Christchurch Rowing Club

Nothing new to report at this meeting

5 Kings Hotel

The blinds have not been replaced. Comment was made about smokers outside but no alternative was suggested and although a notice is in place saying “No smoking” and “No drinking” these are largely ignored. There does not appear to be a doorman anymore.

6 Travelodge

Nothing new to report – it would seem that financial constraints have prevented any movement.

7 Christchurch Hospital

Sue Newman urged all members present to send in objections to the proposed re-development as they have to be in by 29 October 2012. She asked all members to have a look at the hospital and appreciate the design and aesthetics of the buildings. These are part of Christchurch’s history and should not be lost. They were built over a hundred years ago and are part of the Town’s heritage. Although the green was to be preserved it appears from the plans that the proposed residential care home will impinge on that area. Also the medical centre will not be a new practice but merely a relocation of an existing practice. Only the facilities for blood tests and dermatology would be retained.

8 Civic Offices

Cllr Hall said the current Civic Office will be going by 2015 because the current building needs a great deal of money spent on it. It has no double-glazing or full disabled access. The Council want to save half of the money of running the building. Nigel went to a meeting with Jim Biggins, the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive. It is proposed to have one management for two Councils; it appears there is a will to take the offices from Bridge Street and combine them with East Dorset in one place - to be decided. The two areas have to amalgamate under one building, a less expensive building and a one stop place. It appears to be a done deal. The Council have not done any consultation.

Cllr Geary is currently working on this.

9 The Boat House

This was carried over from the last meeting but the concerned members were still absent. However the doors are not managed and apparently the Boat House is applying for a "Drinks only licence". The Licencing Committee meet on the first Monday of December.

10 Sign Posts

There was nothing much to say about these. The total cost was £25,000 and although a traditional style was preferred it is probably too late to do anything about it at this stage. The design was originally approved in 2008 but the CCA were not made aware. It was questioned whether the CCA could find out in advance what is happening. Also many 'A' boards are appearing on the pavements which need a tidy up. Someone complained about the increase of cycles being fixed to street furniture, particularly the barriers by the mini roundabout which are a hazard.

11 Windfarm

Nothing to add. Geo thermal energy was mentioned as being efficient and continuous. A decision has been put off although a 100m test tower has been erected.

12 Druitt Hall

Mr Ford seeking legal advice regarding his offer to refurbish the Druitt Hall at a cost of £1.5m. Reference to a new community facility in Christchurch in the Core Strategy document has been deleted because the Council does not have an aspiration for this. Cllr Nick Geary thought it should still be in the Core Strategy, either in the Druitt Hall or the Magistrates site. It was agreed Simon Truitt to be approached together with Keith Mullet and David Barnes.

13 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 3 December at 7.30 and be followed by a Christmas social.

There being no other business the meeting formally closed at 20.40.

Chairman

Date