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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Windmill Hill Community Forum Ltd held on Monday 13th February 2006 at the PlayCentre

Present: Bill Wells, Vice-Chairman
Tracey Crutchley, Secretary
Lorraine Warren, Office Volunteers
Nick Walton, Telematics Centre
Beth Edwards, Residents Association
Maria Johnson, Priory View
Jean Saunders, Windmill Hill Primary School
Joe Orme, Wine Club and LHT Wardens
Bill Edwards, Halton Together
Steve Turner, Office Volunteers

Apologies: Cllr Diane Inch, Maureen Hazelwood, St Berts Church
Mike Burrows, Chairman and Treasurer
Kristene Wilde, HBC Community Development
Shirley Smythe, LHT, Kathryn Muscroft, LHT

Meeting opened: 1.35 pm

The meeting was chaired by Tracey Crutchley, the Company Secretary, who conveyed to the meeting apologies from Mike Burrows who was unable to attend.

Minutes: Tracey Crutchley told the meeting that there was one omission from the minutes as recorded: the 2004 meeting had agreed that the required attendance for a quorum be reduced to 5 trustees or member organisations. This meeting was asked to endorse that previous decision. Bill Edwards suggested that the quorum of 5 should be qualified such that at least one trustee and at least one member organisation be represented. All present agreed to the change.

Jean Saunders proposed and Bill Wells seconded that the minutes of the last AGM, held 16 June 2004, be accepted as a true and accurate account of that meeting. All agreed.

Matters Arising: Nick Walton informed the meeting that, although no grant had been received from Rocksavage Power Company in 2005, a new application for funding had been prepared and was to be presented on the coming Friday, 17 Feb 2006.

Accounts for year ending 31 March 2004: these had never been accepted previously as they had not been approved by the trustees until January 2005, well after the date of the 2004 AGM. It was proposed by Bill Wells, seconded by Bill Edwards, that these accounts be accepted by the meeting. All agreed.

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Accounts for year ending 31 March 2005: these accounts had been presented to the general meeting of the Forum held 10 October 2005 and had been discussed at that meeting. It had been planned to hold an AGM in November or December 2005 but this had been delayed by Mike's illness.

Tracey Crutchley told the meeting that the Forum had approached the Community Accountants working out of HVA for a quotation to audit the 2006 accounts. The quoted cost was almost identical with that of the current accountants, Alistair Davidson. No change was therefore planned for 2006.

Bill Edwards asked for clarification regarding the list of trustees. Pam Leon has since resigned but was a trustee for part of the period of time being considered. Joe Orme agreed to approach Brian Lee to ask him for a letter of resignation.

It was proposed by Joe Orme, seconded by Jean Saunders, that the accounts be accepted by the meeting. All agreed.

Any Other Business:

Bill Wells told the meeting that he wished to resign as Vice-Chairman and no longer be a signatory to the bank account with effect from after the meeting. The Chairperson asked that a vote of thanks be recorded for all the good work that Bill has done for the community over many years. There was a round of applause.

Nick Walton raised the issue of uncertainty over the future of The PlayCentre building. No action could be taken at the present time as the story kept changing every couple of days.

Bill Edwards informed the meeting that the Area Panels were no longer in charge of the money allocated to them. From now on proposals need to go through the relevant local councillor, in our case Kelly Marlow.

Bill Edwards informed the meeting regarding the Community Empowerment Network. No top-up funding would be made available this year by the SSP. This was probably going to lead to job cuts at HVA / Halton Together. There would also be no Community Chest funding from April 2006.

Beth Edwards reported that a very positive AGM had recently been held by the Residents Association at which 40 people were present. Beth asked that thanks be noted for use of the Forum minibus on the evening and to Joe Orme for driving it.

Next meeting:

The next Forum general meeting is scheduled for 1:30 pm on Mon 13 March 2006.

The next AGM is due to take place in October or November 2006.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 2.25 pm