

SUMMERSDALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
'Residents Working Together'

ABBREVIATED MINUTES of AGM on 16 FEBRUARY 2017

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Chairman Roger Hobbs welcomed all attending, including the Deputy Mayor Cllr Peter Evans, CDC Cllr Simon Lloyd-Williams, CDC & CCC Cllr Tony Dignum, WSCC and CCC Cllr Margaret Evans and CDC & CCC Cllr Len Macey, SRA Committee members Dennis Martin, Vanessa Stern, Mary Quiney, Peter Bickley, Sue Spooner, Trevor Owen, Michael Berry, Alison Stratton-Baldwin and Andrew Birch. and 74 SRA members.

Apologies were received from Cllr Derek James and Mrs Ann James, Mike Steel, Betty Purdy and Den & Hen Napier. He reported that the speaker for the evening Judy Darley could not attend but Tony Dignum would speak in her place. Judy will speak at the next AGM.

MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 18 FEBRUARY 2016

Agreed and signed by RH

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, TREASURER'S REPORT AND ADOPTION OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

RH's overview of topics discussed in the past year, included planning matters within Summersdale and consultations including the **WSCC Minerals Local Plan** and the **Chichester Conservation Area Appraisal**— monitoring the progress of various planning agreements—including the cycleway from Graylingwell into the City, the off-road section outside Wellington Grange and the crossing into Oaklands Road. SRA continues with tree planting in Summersdale, will contribute to the cost of new seating and a picnic bench along Centurion Way, and is discussing a bus shelter in Lavant Road. The SRA attends race track consultative meetings re the **Goodwood Motor Circuit**. RH said he will not stand for re-election at the 2018 AGM as the constitution of the SRA states that a chairman should only serve for 3 years. He thanked Jeremy Hunt, our WSCC Member for Chichester North, and CDC & City Cllr Tony Dignum for their help in keeping us informed on matters relating to the SRA area.

Treasurer Peter Bickley gave explanation of items contained in the accounts and they were approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

RH paid tribute to the work of the SRA committee members and reported the sad death of SRA committee member Hannelore Thomas, who lost her battle with cancer last November. The following were re-elected unanimously: The Chairman: Roger Hobbs, Vice Chairman: Sue Spooner, Treasurer and Minutes Sec 2: Peter Bickley, Minutes Secretary: Janet Leonard, Membership Secretary: Vanessa Stern, Planning Secretary: Andrew Birch, Asst. Planning Sec: Trevor Owen, Newsletter Editor: Mary Quiney, Newsletter Distribution: Michael Berry, Goodwood Liaison: Dennis Martin, Webmaster: Michael Steel, , Member without Portfolio: Alison Stratton-Baldwin.

ELECTION OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Carlos Santander was duly elected as independent examiner for SRA.

EXTRA

RH asked Deputy Mayor Cllr Peter Evans to present a brief outline of the Council's budget for this year. A reduction of £3.3m is sought on net figures, a total saving of £16.8m .

Reserves were good, with £9m to be used. Council tax is to rise by 3.9%, 2% to be used towards social care. Government funding has been reduced by £23.9m. Christopher Beasley spoke about Conservation Volunteers Sussex asking people to vote at local Tesco stores.

GUEST SPEAKER: CDC & CITY CLLR TONY DIGNUM—CHICHESTER VISION

The Vision for Chichester will define how the City changes, grows and improves over the next 20 years. The city has great advantages in terms of location, history, culture and heritage. However, the population will grow and housing must keep up with demand. The city centre has competition from out of town retail areas. Some facilities are lacking in the city, such as a good central hotel. Major changes have happened in the city over the years, and this will continue to happen as the centre evolves. Reducing the number of cars in the city centre was an aim, together with the encouragement of alternative transport modes. There is no further space in the city centre for more large retail units, which would have to be located on the edge of the city. The southern gateway has potential for large scale redevelopment with a mix of leisure and residential and commercial use. Various schemes to contain traffic were discussed, including removal of buses from South Street and West Street. The northern gateway would involve the realignment of the fire station roundabout and the replacement of Metro House. The Eastern gateway would involve two way traffic through the Hornet and the integration of St Pancras with pedestrianisation. The Market car park can be redeveloped and the Western approach could have the creation of a piazza between House of Fraser and the Cathedral. The southern gateway would be the first area to be upgraded, and more street parking was to be discussed. The Vision document has three main themes: the city must be accessible and attractive, it must be a vibrant and growing economy and there should be work opportunities.

OPEN FORUM

Following Tony Dignum's presentation DM asked where the job creation would come from to provide the demand for the several hundred homes proposed for the city. TD said that this was something that the Council would encourage but the private sector would be the main drivers. A member from the floor raised the question of the provision of infrastructure to accommodate the influx of new residents. TD said that the infrastructure would be a necessary part of the planning approval process.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm, when drinks and canapés were served by SRA committee members.
