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Horndon on the Hill Society and Community Forum AGM Minutes of meeting held 19th January 2011

Present: Jane Barry President, Society
Kim Towlson Chairman, Forum
Mike Tarbard Vice President, Society
Peter Woodard Treasurer, Society
Jacqui Payne Ngage
Linda Carrington, Alan Pollington, Peter Belsham, Beverley Richardson, John Caton, Deirdre Graham, Paul Wakeling, Bernadette Wakeling, David Ronnan, Sylvia Pryer, Nathan Brown, Hazel Swift, Godwin Swift, Shirley Ballard, Sue Hughes, Maggie Nash, John Little, Fiona Crummay, Jan Roberts, Brian Allen.

Apologies:

Kevin O'Keeffe, Dave Gray, Linda Illing.

Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Meeting commenced 8.04pm. Jane thanked all for attending and explained the structure of the meeting which would cover the agenda of the AGMs and then the two groups would vote to formally amalgamate. Last year's Horndon Society AGM minutes were approved.

President's Report

A copy of the new constitution has been circulated and is available for anyone to read. Jane thanked the officers and regular attendees for their support over the past year and looked forward to seeing them all again following the amalgamation. The Society historically has brought people together for conservation of the village environment and community. We have combined a role as a pressure group, with encouraging and promoting events, and providing finance for various village projects. The major renovation of the Woolmarket is complete and we hope to form a working party for the redecoration stage.

Treasurer's Report (Society)

Peter W handed round copies of the accounts. This year, following two successful events (Claire Harper Trio and Art in the Garden) we have added £344.50 to the balance, which now stands at £2,235.59.

Chairman's Report (Forum)

Kim thanked Mike Tarbard for all his efforts with regard to funding issues and Kevin O'Keeffe for his vigilance and diligence on web site and Council issues.

Treasurer's Report (Forum)

Mike stated part of his role was to advise village groups of funding available, provide them with an application form which, once agreed by the open meeting, he passes to the Council for approval. The Council then release funds to him, which he distributes to relevant groups. The Council monitors receipts to ensure correct use. Annual funding has reduced over past years from £10k to £4k and, from 31st March 2001, there will be none. He presented the accounts and the Forum currently holds £5,628.68, the majority of which is allocated for drainage works at the Recreation Ground. The accounts have not yet been independently verified but will be soon.

Jacqui indicated there are free training programmes for future funding opportunities and the it may be advantageous for the Forum to become a charity.

Amalgamation

Jacqui Payne from Ngage took over as Chair for the purposes of the amalgamation voting.

A vote was taken for The Horndon on the Hill Society to formally adopt the constitution of and set up the combined organisation "The Horndon on the Hill Society/Community Forum". Proposed by Mike Tarbard, Seconded by Godwin Swift. Votes for = 18, Against = 0, Abstained = 1.

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A vote was taken for The Horndon on the Hill Community Forum to formally adopt the constitution of and set up the combined organisation "The Horndon on the Hill Society/Community Forum". Votes for = 20, Against = 0, Abstained = 0.

A vote was taken to formally wind up The Horndon on the Hill Society and ask the 2010 Officers to serve for a limited time to wind up the affairs. Votes for = 20, Against = 0, Abstained = 0.

A vote was taken to formally wind up The Horndon on the Hill Community Forum and ask the 2010 Executive Committee to serve for a limited time to wind up the affairs. Votes for = 23, Against = 0, Abstained = 0.

This now becomes the first AGM of the combined organisation The Horndon on the Hill Society/Community Forum.

Election of Officers/Committee

A vote was taken to elect new officers for 2011 and they are =

Chair	-	Jane Barry
Vice Chair		Kim Towlson
Secretary		Kevin O'Keeffe
Treasurer		Mike Tarbard

8 Committee Members voted for 'en bloc' For – 24, Against = 0, Abstained = 0.

Peter Belsham
Linda Carrington
Deirdre Graham
Dave Gray
Linda Illing
Beverley Richardson
Bernadette Wakeling
Peter Woodard

Additionally Sue Hughes was co-opted as Horndon School Representative

Any Other Business

Mike T said that Jonathan Catton, from Thurrock History Museum has said he would be happy to give a talk to the group.

Meeting closed at 8.46pm. Jane thanked everyone for their attendance and input.

NEXT MEETING: 2nd February 2011, 8pm - The Woolmarket.