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Horndon Society/Community Forum Minutes of meeting held 4th May 2011

Present: Jane Barry Chair
 Mike Tarbard Treasurer
 Linda Carrington Peter Belsham, Peter Woodard, Beverley Richardson, Alan Pollington, Deirdre Graham, Helen Gray, Maggie Nash, Bernadette Wakeling, PC Brian Sergeant, PCSO Theresa Martin.

Apologies: Kim Towlson, Kevin O’Keeffe, Linda Illing, Dave Gray, Sue Hughes.

Item	Action
<p>1. Minutes of Previous Meeting Meeting commenced 8.00pm. Jane thanked everyone for attending. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.</p>	
<p>2. Matters Arising Following last month’s objections to the new bus routes Carol Rintoul has written to the Council requesting information on the survey of views prior to the alterations. She has met the MP who will follow up the petition. It was noted that as well as the inconvenience of catching two buses, it also costs two fares to get to the Hospital, if you do not hold a bus pass.</p>	Ongoing.
<p>3. Chairperson’s Report a) Ngage organise training schemes for community action groups and Business Enterprise. b) Jane proposed a proportion of the profits from the Essex on Tour string quartet concert is donated to the Church for the use of their premises. It was agreed to give £200. Remaining £164 profit to our funds. c).An Art Exhibition is to be held from 10am – 5pm on 5th June in the Village Hall. £3 admission. Fund raising opportunity so volunteers are needed to set-up on 4th and serve tea & cakes/dismantle on 5th. Please contact Jane if you can help. d).Thurrock Courts Players are putting on a performance of “They Came From Mars” at the Thameside Theatre 26th-28th May at 7.45pm. Adults £8 Concessions £6.</p>	MT to raise cheque.
<p>4. Vice Chair Report None.</p>	
<p>5. Treasurer Report a. Mike reported total funds at bank of £2,769.03 (NS&I £1,030.36, A&L £1,638.09(current) 35.91 (deposit), Petty Cash £64.67). b. After further investigation it is confirmed that as members of Civic Voice, we have automatic membership of NCVO (National Council of Voluntary Organisations). c. Mike had said in March we should be eligible for £375 from the Council towards admin. The figure should have represented 5% of what was the budget, being £168 not 10% as minuted. Spending must be accounted for.</p>	
<p>6. Feast and Fayre a. Kim sent a message that there are now 70 applications for stalls. b. The publicity photoshoot held on 10th March was reported in the Yellow Advertiser 3 weeks ago. c. The event is covered by Society/Forum - Public Liability Insurance d. Officer Sergeant stated police will be attending.</p>	

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<p>7. Gardeners' Club a. Beverley said last month's meeting involved a seed and plant swap, future planning and the organisation of a bluebell walk. b. There are 4 spaces for the visit to Beth Chatto's garden on 24th May, leaving from the school at 9.30. £20 each on a first come first served basis. Contact Mick Boater. c. Mike asked whether the fruit press is to be made available to other villages.</p>	<p>New members welcome.</p> <p>BR to check.</p>
<p>8. Police and NHW a. Officer Sergeant reported an increase in burglaries in the area. Be aware of suspicious vehicles and report any registration numbers. Contact Alan Twine on the number below for security advice. Also, an increase in metal theft and fly tipping. b. Neighbourhood Watch. c. Following a resolution agreed by Insurance Companies to the problem of tree roots/garage foundations at Old House, it is reported that someone had drilled into and poisoned the tree, which has now died. Insurers have placed this in the hands of the Police and anyone with information should contact PC Brownhill. Contact Details for local police:- Tel:0300 333 4444 ext 70164 or 07779 319907. orsettnpt@essex.pnn.police.uk</p>	
<p>9. Planning a. 6 Romagne Close – Single storey rear extension. b. 2 Florence Terrace – 2 storey rear extension. c. Jade Farm and Oak Apple Lodge – updates on position required. d. London Gateway Port Harbour Association have placed in the newspaper a two page spread of compulsory purchase notices for land between the Orsett Cock roundabout and the Manorway roundabout to widen the A13. If this does happen we will attempt to establish the need for restoration of trees and noise reducing 'bunds'.</p>	<p>JB to contact Council. BR to enquire further.</p>
<p>10. Village Enhancement a. Installation of solar panels on the Village Hall roof is considered worthwhile by Andy Furze at Veolia. Linda passed on a news article showing research into profitability.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>
<p>11. Any Other Business a. The Party in the Park organised by the Cricket Club on 29th April was a resounding success and extremely well attended. b. Deirdre raised some questions re publication of accounts of Horndon Relief in Need Charity. She also suggested the organisation appear in the Horndon Guide, as she believes they are not well known enough within the community. All applications are confidential and should be addressed to Moira Brainwood, Clerk to the Trustees.</p>	<p>LC to convey appreciation.</p>

Meeting closed at 9.15pm. Jane thanked everyone for their attendance.
NEXT MEETING : 1st June 2011 at 8pm – The Woolmarket.

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Agenda – 1st June 2011

Apologies for absence

1. Minutes of previous meeting
2. Matters arising
3. Chair Report
4. Vice Chair Report
5. Treasurer Report
6. Feast and Fayre
7. Gardeners' Club
8. Police and NHW
9. Planning
10. Village Enhancement
11. AOB

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