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Horndon Society/Community Forum Minutes 2nd December 2015

Present: Kim Towlson Vice Chair
Deirdre Graham, Dave Gray, Cllrs Sue and Brian Little, Alan Pollington, Maggie Nash, Sue Price, Mary Rawlings, Beverley Richardson, Carol Rintoul, Sarann Thomas, Mike Tarbard, Bernadette and Paul Wakeling, Peter Woodard, Peter Belsham

Apologies: Jane Barry, Lisa Anderson, Linda Illing, Judy Rood, Nigel Seaman

Item	Action
<p>1. Minutes of Previous Meeting Meeting commenced 8.00pm. Kim welcomed all. The minutes for the previous meeting were approved.</p>	<p><i>Corrections to previous minutes:-</i> None</p>
<p>2. Matters Arising a) Bus services. Brian L & Mike T reported on email correspondence:- A motion instigated by Cllr Deborah Stewart was passed by the Council to provide £9k for the provision of a winter bus service three days per week. Cllr Gerrish is looking at next years budget to see if the 11 bus could provide some service to Horndon and Fobbing. Note no budget, no agreement and no promises, so watch and wait. Operator of 100 bus to look into attitude of drivers following complaints. b) Speed gun training. Kim reported that all ready to go but waiting for blessing from Council/Police.</p>	
<p>3. Chairperson's Report a) Suggest the AGM be held on The February meeting date on the 3rd. b) Police warning about bogus policemen targeting the vulnerable. Safeguarding over Xmas. Lock cars on forecourt when buying fuel. c) Funding Fair in New Year by CVS d) Talking Friends, Peer group support (AGE UK). Poster displayed. e) ROH High House Purfleet Xmas Fair Fri 4th 4pm to 9pm f) Xmas at Coalhouse Fort Sat 12th & Sun 13th Dec. see thurrock.gov.uk/events g) Poetry, Music & Food Wed 9th Woolmarket at 8 combined party for members of HSoc/CF, Gardeners' Club and Woolmarket Music. h) Council budget, being presented Wed 20th Jan 2016 5:30 to 7:30</p>	<p>AGM will be on 3rd Feb 2016</p>
<p>4. Vice Chair Report: Kim T a) "Layby" by Orsett Cock Roundabout - Couple of lorries present tonight despite it is now a designated Clearway. b) i) Road works on A128/Road markings on junction: Done ii) Orsett Road resurfacing/new lines, cats eyes: Done, Note Mike T has submitted FOI request to ask for final cost vs budget for b) ii.</p>	
<p>5. Treasurer's Report Current assets £2496.83 includes 49 p November interest and paid expenses to Chair and Treasurer. This balance predicted to be substantially the same at year end. Mike T apologises he will miss the January meeting so will not present an update then.</p>	
<p>6. Feast and Fayre December meeting will be at the Swan 8pm Sunday 13 Dec so attendees can participate in Christmas Carols at the Swan Folk Club. January and on will revert to the Bell.</p>	<p>New volunteers always welcome.</p>
<p>7. Gardeners' Club Next event the Poetry, Music & Food party mentioned in 3.g) above</p>	<p>New members always welcome.</p>

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<p>8. Police and NHW a. Contact Details for local police:- Tel:101 for non emergencies. Calls cost 15p 07710 079193 for info and PCSO only attendance. Emergencies should still be reported to 999. orsettnpt@essex.pnn.police.uk. Drop-in NHW meeting has taken place. Local NHW organisers were pleased although attendance could have been higher. Some new NHW coordinators were recruited.</p>	<p>Next time combine with an established Coffee Morning?</p>
<p>9. Planning a) Woodside, Kirkham Road. Retention and completion of existing garage and pool room including new pitched roofs to both buildings in place of flat roofs. b) Little Malgraves Cottages, Lower Dunton Road. Conversion of barns to 3 dwelling houses on existing siting and location.</p>	
<p>10. Village Enhancement 1) Christmas tree will be up by next week - it is a live tree and will be a small as small trees have better survival and growth prospects. 2) Litter picking volunteers have a problem disposing of the litter they collect. Can a locked bin be provided at Rec? Cllr Brian L will ask Council to see what they suggest to solve this problem.</p>	<p>Cllr B Little</p>
<p>11. Any Other Business a) River Crossing. Official Council policy is still opposition to both the options the Government is considering (Option A adjacent to existing Crossing, Option C between Tilbury and Coalhouse forts, Close to Orsett, through Orsett and Bulphan Fens). An announcement is expected soon on A or C. Three variants of Option C have been suggested. Will be further consultations once choice between A or C has been made. Another new on-line petition opposing A and C is available. b) Solar Farm off A128. Government cuts to the solar feed in tariff have caused the company to abandon this project. c) First Saturday Market in Woolmarket here Saturday 5th. Stephen Metcalfe MP and Cllr Brian Little will attend at 9:20 d) Some tickets still available for "An Evening of Shakespeare and Christmas Comedy" in the Village Hall 7:30 Sunday 13th December. Contact Bernadett or Paul at Orsett Stores</p>	

Meeting closed at 9.15pm. Kim thanked everyone for their attendance.

NEXT MEETING : 6th January 2016 at 8pm – The Woolmarket
 (Apologies in advance from Carol Rintou, Mary Rawlings and Mike Tarbard)

AGM Advance notice: 3rd February 2016 at 8pm in Woolmarket downstairs.