

ANDOVER & DISTRICT OLDER PEOPLE'S FORUM

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Andover and District Older People's Forum held on Thursday 26th April 2018 at 2.15pm at The Rendezvous.

Present. Haydn Watkins, Peter Rayner, Wendy Rayner, Fred North, Wendy North, Cllr Sandra Hawke, Jenny Kay, Brian Kay, Brian Skinner, Rita Skinner, Lila Gilbert, Wilson Carson, Steven Atherton, Rosemary Hamilton, Kath Gray, Manu Amin, April Pearce, Gwen Dance, Jean Ray, GH Potticary, Judy Taylor, Mike Taylor, Pat Turner (Wessex Pensioner's Convention), Sue Holmes, Sheila Cowap (British Red Cross), Luigi Gregori, Jill Sacree, Ann Wilbur, Amanda Warner.

In attendance: Louisa Rice (TVBC), Stuart Judd (Whichway Media)

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Louisa Rice explained the reasons why the venue had been changed. She went on to outline the Fire Regulations appropriate to the Rendezvous

Welcome

The Chairman Haydn Watkins, in welcoming those present explained that due to a hospital visit and operation being undertaken today the Secretary Mollie Androbus was unable to be present. Vice Chairman of the Forum Peter Rayner would be acting as Secretary for today's meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Test Valley who sent sincere apologies and best wishes for a successful meeting. Also Marion Kerley, Mollie Androbus, Chris and Maggie Bowling, Chris Daley (Unity), Anne Harrison (Village Agent Co-ordinator), Rachel Bullock (Healthwatch Hampshire), Peggy Carter, Mr and Mrs Peter Ponting, Jill Harrington, J Msonthi, Mr and Mrs J Barrell, Len Gates

2. Chairman's Address.

In presenting his report Haydn outlined the principle activities and events undertaken during the last twelve months and thanked the members of the Executive who had worked so hard during the year. The Forum has asked for Speakers from across the County on health, security, policing, Trading Standards, Community Transport as well as having other entertaining speakers.

He paid particular reference to the achievements and highlighted the Village Directories, a comprehensive series of guides and noted the work done in this regard by our Secretary Mollie Antrobus.

Haydn announced his intention to step aside after 8 years as Chairman and in so doing noted that despite our hard work and despite our campaigning on behalf of older people Britain's State Pension is now ranked bottom of the 28 developed nations, Care costs are escalating and the NHS still starved of essential resources.

There is clearly still a need for the Forum to continue its work of informing and campaigning on critical issues to the older generation.

3. Minutes of Annual General Meeting of 27th April 2017.

These were agreed as a true record.

Proposed - Brian Kay

Seconded - Wendy Rayner

Duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Treasurer's Report

Fred North presented his report and distributed copies of the Accounts. He explained these had been examined by an independent qualified person. The Treasurer further explained that due to the closure of the Hampshire Older People's Forums Andover had received a donation (one off) of £1000 which coupled with the £500 grant received from TVBC and some other generous contributors from the local community the Forum's Income exceeded expenditure.

The accounts were accepted.

5. Election of Officers

Louisa Rice assumed responsibility for the election of Officers and explained that as he had already stated after 8 years, Haydn Watkins had decided not to stand for Chairman.

There were a number of people put forward for the posts and these were proposed and seconded appropriately and are listed below.

The post of Secretary had not been nominated prior to the meeting because of the uncertainty with regard to whether Mollie Antrobus wished to continue. Mollie had however indicated she would continue to coordinate the secretarial work providing the present level of support continued. The Acting Secretary Peter Rayner stated that it was

hoped to fill the Publicity Officers position this year and that provisional agreement was in place to “provide Administrative backup to the Secretary”. Given that assurance he proposed that Mollie continue as the contacts and goodwill she had built up over the years was needed by the Forum.

This proposal was accepted.

Louisa listed and asked for agreement to the posts shown below.

Chairman	Jenny Kay
Vice Chairman	Haydn Watkins
Secretary	Mollie Antrobus
Treasurer	Fred North
Care Officer	Rosemary Hamilton
Publicity Officer (plus Admin back up)	Wendy Rayner
Fundraising Officers	Marion Kerley & Sandra Hawke
Refreshment Officers	Brian Kay & Wendy North
Committee members	Peter Rayner & Wilson Carson

At this point Jenny Kay took the Chair.

Jenny paid tribute to Haydn to whom a presentation of wine was made. The Chairman then explained that whilst her style was not similar to Haydn the work of the Forum would continue and the issues of importance would be addressed.

6. Wessex National Pensioners Convention.

As Pat Turner, the Chair of Wessex NPC had come to join us as a guest for the AGM the Chairman asked for any thoughts she might have. Pat stressed the need to continue to campaign in the face of cuts and threats of cuts, reviews of present concessions frequently announced.

Wendy Rayner explained that whilst it was not always possible to attend the Wessex meetings due to travel difficulties, she received the very helpful 10 minute briefings from NPC and forwarded these to the members. They were brief, easily understood and she felt, of great value.

Haydn Watkins and Wendy would continue to be the representatives to attend the Wessex meetings whenever possible.

7. Date of Next AGM

April 2019. Date to be advised.

Chairman closed the AGM and said the Films of The Country Ways collection would now be shown as this was an AGM occasion.

The General meeting would follow the Films

Stuart Judd then introduced the films and explained how they had been made and the background to the programmes. An entertaining film was enjoyed by those present.

There were several interested comments and questions. However as the introduction to the films was longer than anticipated the Chair concluded the session at 4pm at which time the hall had to be vacated.

There was not time for the General Meeting

Consideration will be given to having an additional meeting in late May or early June depending on dates. It was critical as the Care situation, NHS issues and other worries are important. Rosemary Hamilton had a comprehensive report to give and arrangements will be made to circulate that.

There was also the question of a special discussion on housing which was outstanding and needed Organisation.

Action required by Acting Secretary in liaison with Mollie Antrobus and Louisa Rice.

The meeting ended around 4.30 pm.

P.G.Rayner

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