

King's Lynn St Margaret's with St Nicholas Ward Forum

Annual General Meeting 7pm, August 8th 2018

Marriott's Warehouse, South Quay

Minutes

1. The chairman, Dr Julian Litten, opened the meeting, welcomed members and introduced the agenda before introducing the invited speaker Steven King, Project Officer Townscape Heritage Initiative Regeneration & Economic Development Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk. Who spoke on St Margaret's Townscape Heritage Initiative – update.

Mr King outlined the first phase of the improvement work carried out under THI, Saturday Market and St James' Street. Most projects were nearing completion to the great benefit of the area as buildings were repaired, renovated and developed; the former Courts premises a particular case.

A second THI area was now being addressed and owners alerted to the grant-aid available. This portion of the town extends to St James Road, Railway Road and adjacent buildings and streets. Mr King showed typical buildings and streets that required attention and which were devaluing their surroundings. He offered to address the forum in the coming year to provide further updates.

3. Annual General Meeting

a) Apologies: P Richards, Lee Bramzell, Sheri Naidoo, Alan Moseley, Colin Johnston, Clare Cook

b) Notification of conflict of interest: None.

c) Minutes of last meeting: Accepted with no matters arising.

d) Presentation and acceptance of Chairman's annual report: Accepted. The Chairman stated that there was a need for a further committee members, especially one to undertake planning application review, and asked for volunteers.

e) Matters arising.

1) KL Transport Study: the forum is in the process of writing to emphasise that to date the trial is proving that the new system is far worse than before.

2) Event Noise: although Festival Too had proved to be very much better, with lower levels, Mike Brindle reported high sound levels at the recent - council run - Mods and Rockers event; levels outside Prezzos, to the side of the stage, reached 98dB. He had written to the borough council to report this. It was agreed that the forum would write endorsing his letter.

3) Guildhall of St George/Ares Centre. LB reported that following representations the private individual, who wishes to repair, renovate and adapt the guildhall as a public gallery to house his art collection, is looking at

extending the remit from art gallery to arts centre and will consider other buildings in the town. The original proposal to provide £5million for the project has been raised to £10m.

4) Creative hub consultancy. Marion Catlin, who is undertaking the work, is keen to hear from interested people

5) Provision of defibrillators. Prof Falconbridge reports progress is being made on the installation of the six CPAD units by the Business Improvement District. Two are now in place. The first in Norfolk Street (at Youngster's World) and the second in New Conduit Street (at Kenneth Bush Ltd).

f) Presentation and acceptance of accounts: Accepted. The treasurer, Dr Elizabeth Harrison, reported a closing credit balance of £5,848.64 to April 2018. There had once again been a problem with the website provider and invoicing. As the forum has a new provider – under its new webmaster – it is anticipated that there will be no further, similar occurrence. Cost will also be greatly reduced.

g) Constitution. The treasurer undertook to carry out a further updating principally, to include the terms of service on the actual committee and the method of election to the committee, which were not included originally, and to change the date of the AGM to September each year. This will require an extraordinary general meeting.

Dr Harrison retires at this, the 2018 AGM. The chairman thanked her for all she had done to get the accounts in order and in upgrading the constitution.

h) Account Examiner: It was agreed that Susan Nairn would perform the same service for the coming year. Proposed by Ann Drew, seconded by Jane Darling.

i) Election of officers. The following officers have agreed to stand for a further year: Vice-chairman Cllr Leslie Bambridge, Dr Julian Litten was proposed as Chairman by L. Bambridge, seconded by A Couchman and was duly elected.

j) Treasurer: Margaret Worledge was proposed by Tim Mann, seconded by Ann Drew and was duly elected.

k) Election of committee members. The following members have confirmed that they will serve for another year: Shaun Blackmur, Tim Mann, Fr. Anthony Couchman. The Chairman said that the committee remains short of four members, and names, including volunteers, should be sent to the Forum secretary (by email - twosaintskl@gmail.com). The need for someone to perform the duty of minutes secretary was emphasised.

In the absence of any nominations it was agreed to defer the election of new committee members to the EGM in November,

4. Questions and AOB: There were none. The date of the next AGM will be at a date in September 2019, tbc.

