



Minutes Public meeting 11.6.19

High Town Methodist Church (rear hall)

1. Welcome and apologies
12 present, including three members of Exec Committee, both councillors (Cllr Malcolm arrives at 7.45). Apologies from three received. Chair-DL, minutes GB. Meeting started at 7.20pm.
2. Minutes of last meeting on 14.05.19 received and agreed.
3. Matters arising
 - Big Lunch- feedback indicated it went well. Cake/coffee sales made £120.00. Discussion as to whether it ought to be repeated and how to make it more successful e.g. posters displayed in blocks of flats nearby. Agreed to repeat next year with more publicity.
 - High Town in bloom. Registration now closed. SW outlined plans for event. New venture. Will assess after event if repeat next year.
 - High Town festival 19-to be discussed later in meeting.

4. Delayed AGM reports. Reports from DL as chair, SW for media and GB finance. Outline of activities undertaken by F of HT. Emphasis of links made with Polish community, Signpost and Penrose Roots through practical tasks. Money returned for HT's Got Talent as not able to put on the event. Success in dealing with fly tipping problem in Musson's Path celebrated, with thanks especially to KP. Work of sub committees or working groups outlined. Future work will include ensuring accurate information is sent to residents, exploring ways of reaching out and engaging with local residents, business group to make decisions regarding remainder of Portas money. Ongoing support required for HMO petition started by F of HT member and resident-will be showcased at HT Festival for further signatures.

SW read out headlines from his report on media activity. Most communication is via Twitter. FB has been only adopted recently. SW thought way forward might be to establish more personal touch e.g. door knocking.

GB gave details of financial situation; how little actual money F of HT has and how it is tied up in specific projects.

All present paid subscriptions for year enabling all present able to vote on proposals put forward.

5. Management of financial matters-led by DL- explained what was being proposed- discussion from floor regarding details.



Proposal 1- Ad hoc advise to be sought re F of HT finances and possibility of using Zero software for day to day expenditure.

Cllr Malcolm- executive committee to return matter to general meeting if more expenditure is involved.

Proposal 1 carried

Proposal 2 – Increase of subscriptions from £3 to 35. Proposal carried.

6. Park café support- discussion regarding proposal.

Proposal 3 – F of HT lend support to notion of park café as a community café.

Proposal carried.

Proposal 4- exploration of having some of F of HT meeting in community café when gets going. DL to explore matter with church who kindly let F of HT use hall free of charge. Proposal carried with proviso.

7. Events

-HT Festival. Up to date info given by SW. Volunteers required to conduct survey amongst festival goers. Cllrs Malcolm and Hopkins offered to assist.

8. EHT. Meets Wednesday at 10.00am at Burr Street carpark and Saturday at Edward Street, also at 10.00am. Community day on July 20th.

-Conservation area- concern regarding some of renovations on local Eagle Hotel. Concern raised re gaudy paint used by some shops. Suggested that it would be better dealt with by Luton Heritage Society.

-HTIAG-meets first Thursday of every month at 9.15 at HT Sports and Arts Centre. Speedwatch is an event group wants to get involved in – register using www.drivesafely.org or email speedwatch@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk. If 6 local residents sign up Police will hold training event locally, otherwise is at Kempston. 8.A.O.B.

-Community Policing event to decide priorities for HT and surrounding area for next quarter. 21/6/19 at Sports and Art Centre

-Risks involved in having no right turn into Havelock Road from HT Road. No warning and accidents narrowly averted. School nearby Cllr Hopkins to take up matter and to be referred to HTIAG.

- F of HT still needs a secretary. Any Volunteers.

Meeting concluded at 8.45pm

