**Deepcut Neighbourhood Forum**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Minutes**

Date: 22nd Jan 2015

Time: 8:00pm

Location: Deepcut Village Centre

**Agenda**

**Agenda Items: Owner:**

Chairman’s Report The Chairman

Treasurer’s Report The Treasurer

Election of Committee The Chairperson

Questions & Answers The Committee

Any other business The Chairman

**Minutes of the AGM:**

The structure of the AGM followed the proposed agenda.

The following points were noted:

**Chairman’s Report:**

The Chairman provided an update on the Deepcut Neighborhood Forum

* 1. The previous 2+ years of effort by the entire committee to ultimately get DNF ratified by SHBC on 21st Oct 2014.
  2. The fact that the designated area approved by SHBC was reduced to exclude the entire PRB footprint, in order to reach approval from SHBC. The committee decided to reluctantly accept reduction to 75% of the previous area, in order to get the DNF recognized.
  3. The fact that the SPD agreed in 2011 exists for the whole Deepcut area, and that this sets a wide range constraints on what is permissible in Deepcut.
  4. The fact that the membership is restricted to people who are resident in the designated Deepcut area, or who work in Deepcut, or who are Councilors representing the area,
  5. The need to get more people from the community involved in the DNF in order to share the load, and help to grow the community ownership.

DNF Plan Process

1. Alan Barnard provided an overview of the entire process for the creation and approval of the proposed DNF Plan.
2. The process is likely to take 18 – 24 months to complete.
3. The flow chart of the process will be uploaded to the DNF website for public access.
4. The entire process is required to be transparent, and the Committee will continue to ensure that all information is shared through the DNF website when available.
5. The Committee is aiming to progress with the first phase of the plan and to communicate it within 2 months.

**Treasurers Report:**

The Treasurer reported the following:

1. There had been little financial activity since the last AGM due to a lack of funds, and the delayed ratification of the DNF.
2. There has been no expenditure during this period.
3. There had been one transaction into the newly formed bank account, a credit of £100.00 from Lloyds Bank for hassles incurred during the set up process.
4. The Committee has applied for funding to support the preparation of the DNF Plan through Locality and the Community Development Foundation. On two occasions this funding was approved, however, until the DNF was ratified by SHBC, the Committee was unable to draw down the approved funding.
5. It is proposed to reapply again for funding in March 2015, with the aim of securing new funding, when it becomes available for the new year (from April 2105).

The Committee elections were as follows:

**Chairman: David Rushmer**

* Proposed: Alan Barnard
* Seconded: Lindsay Morgan

**Treasurer: Howard Hyde**

* Proposed: Peter Bambridge
* Seconded: Alan Barnard

**Secretary: Lindsay Morgan**

* Proposed: David Rushmer
* Seconded: Howard Hyde

Existing Committee members who will continue to serve on the Committee include:

* Alan Barnard
* Peter Bambridge
* Martin Flick

Additional members who volunteered to get involved with the DNF at the AGM included the following individuals:

* Elaine Moran
* Joshua Bate (Leisure activities)
* Doug Wherry
* John Watkins (IT expertise)
* Paul Deach (as Liaison to the Council)

On behalf of the Committee, the Chairman extended a welcome to all these individuals.

**Questions & Answers:**

Assorted points were raised from the floor, and answered by discussion with the committee, during the Q&A process, these included:

* Questions about the progress of the PRB redevelopment and its likely timing.
* Questions about the provision of sporting facilities within the Deepcut area.
* Questions about what sort of assistance was requested to help the Committee progress with preparation of the DNF Plan.
* Questions about what can be learned from other neighbourhood forums that might assist the DNF process. (e.g. Chobham, Ascott)
* Questions about the Canal and how it features in the DNF, and whether there are restrictions on its usage and maintenance, such as enhanced lighting.
* Questions about whether Facebook might be a useful tool to assist the DNF with its communications strategy.
* Questions about SANGS and what they mean.
* Questions about the Fuel Allotments, and their role.
* Questions about concerns on the provision of public transport and the whole transport infrastructure.
* A vote of thanks for the persistent efforts of the committee over recent years was proposed from the floor by Lindsay Morgan.

**Any Other Business:**

There will be a further meeting at the Deepcut Village Centre on Thursday 29th January in order for the committee to be available to discuss with those interested in volunteering to get more involved to understand more about what it might entail.