



Town Team Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 30th November 8.30pm

Town Council Chamber

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies: Caroline Ward

Present: , Rod Brookes Hocking (Chair), Mike Summerton, Rosemary Stephenson (Secretary), Alison Shakspeare, Martin Ashley (Treasurer), Paul Tucker, Kate Lock (notes), Nick Way (DCC), John Bodley Scott (MDDC), Peter Hamilton, Jo Ward, Tim Harris, Tony Dale, Bindy Saywood, Rob ?

2. Chair's Report – Rod Brookes Hocking

Rod introduced the Town Team members and, using a power point presentation, explained how the TT had been set up following the 2013 Crediton Festival. The TT believe community arts can help increase the town's vibrancy, which is why most of their projects are creative ones

3. Project Reports - Illustrated reports on the TT's projects were presented by the coordinators (see attached presentation).

New Cultural Hub (a public consultation meeting had been held before the AGM. See attached presentation)

2016 Flags Project - Rosemary Stephenson

Another successful project , with 8 new flags and 3 banners made in our High St workshop. There is already a waiting list for next year, but, so far, no funding in place.

Boniface Project - Paul Tucker

Last year we did a procession through the town and a play in the town square. This year we did a very successful play in Newcombes Meadow, including giving away 100 free Boniface cakes made by David Oliver.

CredFest 2017 - Rod Brookes Hocking

It will be shorter than 2013 Festival (3, rather than 4 weeks) and we've employed Rachel Vowles as Artistic Director, to lighten our work load. Planning is going well with lots of events already fixed.

Signage and Town Square Canopies - Kate Lock

Two public meetings have been held (in June and October) to present designs for new town signs (by flag artist Charlotte Turner) and town square protection schemes (by architects David Treadaway and Nick Scott). There had been a wide range of reactions to the designs. TT will consider how/whether to proceed with the projects at their next meeting.

Chamber of Commerce – Rod Brookes Hocking

The TT had facilitated the creation of a new traders group which had successfully taken over the town's moribund Chamber of Commerce. The revived Chamber is working well, taking on small projects. The traders' fancy dress race along the High St at the recent Christmas Lights event, was testimony to their new lease of life.

Echoes of War Time - Rod Brookes Hocking

The TT had provided start up funding for this ambitious theatre project based on local WW1 stories. This had enabled organisers (The Common Players) to put in a joint EU bid with Avranches and

Fulda for 300,000 euros to run a 3 nation project. If the bid is successful the project will take place in 2018.

The Crediton History Trail - Rosemary Stephenson

A fun trail for kids, set up by Lucy Betts of East Town Café. The TT have supported this project by acting as an umbrella organisation, allowing Lucy to use our bank account for funds she has raised.

What's On EX17

A leaflet listing all local cultural events, to be published monthly, devised by Andrew Vaccari, who has already set up an email listings. He asked the TT for support, we advised him on funding and acted as an umbrella organisation through which to apply for a grant. The first leaflet will be printed in December.

4. Treasurer's Report – Martin Ashley

The TT finance policy was displayed on screen and is available to anyone who is interested. The accounts have been subject to an independent examination by an accountant. A full audit is not required. A summary of expenditure and income for 2015/16 was displayed. (See attached presentation).

Balance is £12,770 at the end of the year.

5. Election of Officers

Chair – Rod to step down. Rosemary Stephenson accepted.

Vice Chair - Kate Lock accepted

Secretary – Alison Shakspeare accepted

Treasurer – Martin Ashley to remain

6. No AOB

7. Date of next AGM - November 2017 date TBC