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EAST GRINSTEAD WAR MEMORIAL LTD

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23rd MARCH 2016 AT 7PM AT CHEQUER MEAD, EAST GRINSTEAD

1 Present

C.Nunn P.Thurlow T.Hayman M.Phillips
M.Funnell D.Yeoman A.Fisher G.Stagg
S.Baker C.Russell L.Graysmark

2 Apologies for Absence

D.Sweatman N.Davis

3 Minutes of previous CoM Meeting

- The Draft Minutes of Meeting 02/2016 on 17th February 2016 were agreed after CN amending item 8 to make it clear that the new terms had been agreed with SB Lettings

4 Matters arising from previous CoM Meeting

- Any matters arising would be covered by the Agenda

5 Membership

- The Council regretted to hear of the death of Keith Younger, a long-standing member of the Company who had served for many years on Council. A note had been sent to his wife.
- Membership had fallen from 316 to 315 with the death of Keith Younger.
- CN had investigated MemberMojo, a good solution for membership software which did CN not depend on unique email addresses and was much cheaper (£60/yr).
- It was proposed to do another mailshot to members at the end of March advising of new CN news items, a heads-up on the date of the AGM, and the imminent revision of the M&A. We would take the opportunity to ask members if they had any updated details
- It was suggested that we may need to register for Data Protection. Investigate CN

6 East Court Steering Meeting

- An ad hoc meeting had been held with Terry & Sweeney on 14th March to keep the CN/TH/ pressure on rolling out the Plan. It was felt that they needed to up their effort somewhat PT and an email had been sent to Mark Fisher accordingly. A follow up is scheduled for May 9th
- A Steering Group walkabout is planned for 4th April

TH/PT

- We have submitted more comments on improving the draft plan, particularly relating to CN/TH/budget allocation and management objectives. It was agreed that the timescale to PT achieve a good document was frustratingly long, but we had to get it right.
- It was noted that SANGS contributions are now up to £215k with £nil expenditure against the budget.
- The footpath is now completed and generally well received. MSDC are apparently planning to join up the missing parts next winter
- We had made suggestions to MSDC about the location of extra dog bins.

CN

7 Finances

- We now have full, on-line, dual authorisation, of our bank accounts.
- Mandate forms are being processed so that Graeme Stagg will replace Allan Tyler as the ND third signatory for our account

8 Property

- EGTSC (Shooting): MP was progressing in setting up a formal agreement for them to MP sub-let
- The EGTFC (Football) MP was progressing in setting up a formal agreement for them to MP sub-let. They have been given permission to let to WSCC and have up to 24 Socials/ year.
- East Court Lodge: CN had viewed the Lodge with SB and clearly "doing nothing" isn't CN/SB an option. Work on the gutters/downpipes/mortar needs to be done urgently and SB is getting quotes for kitchen and bathroom work loles Estate agents have offered to give us a free valuation

with "options"

- TH to organise Planning Application (Conservation Area) to cut down entire rear trees/ TH shrubs to 2m by the Lodge.

leave Close and it was decided

- PT had volunteered to take on the task of monitoring and policing our boundary - CN/PT particularly the norther side. CN to provide plans and copy letters

9 Grants and Donations

- A full debate was held about a potential grant to SSAFA this year. Clearly they are a CR/LG very worthy cause and our grant was very significant to them. However, our funds are limited and it may be argued that they don't exactly fit our Objects. It was agreed that we would grant them £2,000 this year with no guarantee of grants in future years.
- After discussion (GS declared interest), it was agreed that we would sponsor EG Armed CR/LG Forces Day £300 this year.

10 The Lake project

- After significant investigation, we have reluctantly come to the conclusion that the large DY/MF/ scale project to improve the Lake was just too difficult to achieve at this time. The GCN's made doing anything very complicated. It was agreed that we should however aim for a smaller scale tidy-up, which the Conservation Group had volunteered to assist with.
- It has become clear that we are well placed to attract grant funding for projects on our ALL land. Council Members were invited to send ideas/concepts to DY who would coordinate them for consideration at subsequent meetings.

11 Insurances

- Nothing to report at this time

12 Website/Publicity

- 2 new items had been added to the Latest News section of our website since the last meeting
- The website had been moved to WordPress at virtually no cost. This would allow us to CN introduce a password-protected page for members, and it was agreed that we should lodge there copies of the Council Minutes (when signed). Some redaction may be necessary for personal reasons.

13 Archives

- AF is ploughing through many boxes!

AF

14 Any other business

- The project to review of our M&A's was rather slow as LY was tied up with AGM's at CN this time of year. Having them ready for the AGM was increasingly unlikely.
- Google Drive access was now available to all Council Members to view past papers etc

15 Dates of Subsequent meetings

- Wednesday 11th May 7pm

- AGM - Wednesday June 22nd 7pm

- It was suggested that one of our Summer meetings could be a walkabout

Signed

Name: C.Nunn

Position: Chairman

Date: 11th May 2016