

POUNDBURY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 15th MARCH 2023 in THE BROWNSWORD HALL

Meeting opened at 7.35pm

ATTENDEES -

PRA committee - Blake Holt (Chair), Françoise Ha, Christopher Turner, Simon Standish, Adele ? , Jackie Cassin.

Members of The PRA

Councillor Richard Biggs, Councillor Frances Hogwood,

Andrew Wyatt - Chair Manco 3

APOLOGIES -

Mike Gratwick, Robert Hattersley - PRA committee

PCSO Jane Goodwin

Jill and Robin Rowles, Graham Douglas - Members of the PRA

Duchy

Philippa Thorniley

1.0 WELCOME

1.1 The Chair, Blake Holt, welcomed and thanked members for coming to the AGM. Blake introduced the Committee members and the business of the AGM.

2.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2.1 Blake gave apologies for absence and told members that unfortunately there wasn't a representative from The Duchy at this evening's meeting.

3.0 MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM MEETING

3.1 As there were no matters arising Blake asked for the approval of the minutes; approved by John Moorby, seconded by William Gibbons.

4.0 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

4.1 Blake explained that he took up the position of Chair just before the start of the covid lockdown, which naturally curtailed much of the work of the PRA. However, there there have still been notable achievements :-

- * Defibrillators - Thanks to the work of committee member, Chris Turner, carrying out a feasibility study on the need and positioning of defibrillators in Poundbury, we were able to pass our recommendations over to The Duchy. Following detailed discussions, we were pleased that The Poundbury Community Trust then advised us that not only will they fund four AEDs, but they will also take on responsibly for their their implementation.
- * Community Speed Watch - A volunteer group was set up within The Road Safety group, working in partnership with the PRA and the police, to monitor speeding in Poundbury. We are still awaiting efforts to sort out parking.
- * PRA Website - We have been working hard to improve the website, including updating the Poundbury Business Directory on The Duchy website.
- * Benches - Many of the benches in Poundbury were originally installed by The PRA. We have been in discussions with both The Duchy and The Town Council in order that they take over their maintenance
- * Media - There have been several interviews and film crews in Poundbury with the national and international interest in the work of HRH King Charles and the development of Poundbury.
- * Pamela Lock Bequest - Pamela bequeathed £10000 to the PRA with a request that the donation should be used for a special project in Poundbury. Her bequest supported the funding of the play area and amphitheatre on The Great Field. On Monday the 12th March a memorial plaque was placed near to the amphitheatre to acknowledge and mark Pamela's generosity.

* “The Big Conversation” - This new project aims to enable the PRA to plan a way forward for the growing Poundbury community. A group of volunteers has been formed to survey residents and compile objectives for the future actions of the PRA.

5.0 CONFIRMATION OF CO-OPTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

5.1 Adele Brothwell and Simon Standish gave a brief introduction of themselves and their reasons for wishing to join the PRA committee. Their membership was approved and seconded by members.

6.0 ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

6.1 There remains one vacancy on the PRA committee and Blake invited members to volunteer or if they wished to discuss joining, to meet him at the end of the meeting.

7.0 FINANCIAL REPORT

7.1 Adele presented a finance report to members, hard copies were distributed at the meeting. The finance report was approved by William Gibbons and seconded by Peter Bryant

8.0 APPOINTMENT OF AN AUDITOR

Several auditors have been approached, but as yet we have not been able to secure their services. The new treasurer will give this her priority.

9.0 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING TO BE ARRANGED

10.0 ELECTION OF THE NEW CHAIRPERSON

10.1 There has been one nomination for the position of chair, Françoise Ha, who has been proposed by Mike Gratwick and seconded by Rob Hattersley. Blake asked members for a vote of approval, which was unanimous.

Blake thanked the members for the support they had given him and handed proceedings over to the new chair.

11.0 NEW CHAIR STATEMENT

11.1 Françoise thanked the membership for voting her into the position of chair and she looked forward to growing the PRA with the outcomes of “The Big Conversation”. She gave thanks to Blake, who completes his term of office as chair, for all his hard work and fortitude. A presentation was given to Blake and to his wife Diane for their dedication to the Poundbury community.

11.2 A note of thanks and appreciation was given by Peter Bryant, on behalf of members.

The formal part of the meeting ended at 8.05pm

Special Event - “THE BIG CONVERSATION”

Simon Standish, the founder of the working party, introduced the concept of “The Big Conversation”. This evening’s workshop, with the full participation of all members present at the meeting, is the first step in the consultation process.

Members began the workshop and a few of the findings were shared before the close of the evening at 9.10pm.

Françoise thanked members for their attendance