



Annual General Meeting Agenda

Thursday 9th March 2017

7pm Harlow Community Centre (Green Hut)

- 1 Welcome: Neil Hind welcomed all present (Approx. 50 people)
- 2 Apologies: Kim Middleton, Janine Clark, William Lord, Rachael Bailey Haige, Eileen Davis, Cllr Jim Clark, Jayne Blaney, Ian Ward-Campbell, Cath Vardy, Fran Scurrah
- 3 Matters Arising from Minutes of Last Meeting (5th March 2016)

It was confirmed that Harrogate Council will not install a new dog poo bin but they will remove and reallocate a current bin that is not in use – members were asked to consider bins and if they felt that a bin was not in use that this could be considered. Members are to advise N Hind.

Coach parking in the layby at Iron Gate Field has been brought up formally with the council but it has been highlighted that currently there is nothing the council can do to remove and stop this parking.

- 4 Committee Update on 2016 and Plans for 2017
 - Treasurer's Report: Accounts Proposed: Geoff Scurrah Seconded: Carol Dumville

Accounts outlined by N Hind in the absence of Ian Ward-Campbell. No questions posed during the meeting. Copies of the accounts will be posted for review on the Pinewoods website.

- Chairman's Report

The Chairman overviewed 2016 activities to include events & fundraising and outlined plans for 2017. Slides available for review on the Pinewoods website

Question raised: would there be any lighting proposed on any new cycle paths in the Pinewoods.

Answer: N Hind Would say No due to the environment and from a conservation perspective but there maybe issues from a council perspective and planning.

Statement from the group: It would be ideal to have a cycle path in the Pinewoods as children could use the pathway to go to and from school as safer than the use of Otley Road.

5 Election of Committee Officers & Members

The existing committee was reappointed. Committee members proposed: Carole Dumville Seconded: Dr. Roger Litton

The current Pinewoods secretary Janine Clark has resigned (January 2017) and Lucy Hind was nominated as the new company secretary 9th March 2017 Proposed: Geoff Scurrah Seconded: Christine Ward-Campbell

6 Overview of New 10 Year Management Plan by Paul Casey, Harrogate Council (Confirmed)

P Casey outlined the new 10 year management plan outlining objectives, changes and priorities. The members were asked to feed back any questions to the Pinewoods Group.

A number of questions on the evening were posed and answered around housing and sustainability of the Pinewoods which P Casey & N Hind answered.

Statement: Can Area 4 be renamed as per its correct designation from Millennium Wood to Rotary Centenary Wood. P Casey agreed to update.

7 Presentation on Rotary Wood Development & Lease Proposal by Harrogate Spa Water Limited (Invited) and Harrogate Council (Invited)

Attendance for Harrogate Spring Water and Barton Wilmore were present at the meeting . An outline of the proposed expansion of the water plant and production facility was provided to the group.

A number of questions were posed to the attendees from the two organisations and key questions including:

Question: What will the increase in lorries be on a daily basis Answer: Lorry numbers will double.

A number of questions were asked about the move of trees, it was stated by HSW that trees could be moved to else where on the site but concerns were raised by the group around space availability. A comment was made by Barton Wilmore that incorrect trees had been planted in Area 4 at which it was highlighted that all trees had been provided by the Royal Horticultural Society after review specifically for the Rotary Centenary Wood project.

A full list of questions is available by request to the new Pinewoods Secretary.

8 Any Other Business

Proposal for the creation of additional woodland outlined by N Hind. This was to formally request that HBC consider expanding the Pinewoods into the Council Nursery site when the current operation is transferred out.

C Dumville asked about the new steps for the view point and people were asked if they see old notices to advise the group so that action could be taken.

9 Date of Next Meeting:

No date formally agreed but the next AGM meeting will be 2nd or 3rd week March 2018 location TBC

Signed.....Chairman Date.....

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