

FPCA 2018 AGM minutes

1) Co-chair report: Alan

Roughly 220 members

New ways of joining (online: thanks to Dave for his role in managing applications/renewals

Thanks to Sue Hallett

Negotiations with Council in final stages: thanks to Richard and Chris, also Brendan for his role

Soliciting feedback for use of Bowls Club: thanks to Richard, Sara, others

Thanks to Scott for financial management

Thanks to Sue, David, Christine for support

Thanks to Sue for representing FPSC forthrightly

Report on activities: Film night, Sunday Session, Flo Fest indoors, history talk, variety nights, Flo Fest, Xmas market, Halloween party, street party, Xmas singalong, over 60s, community café, newsletter, panto

Thanks to Sara, Dave, committee

Thanks to FPSC for bar and activities

2) Treasurer's report: Scott

Audited accounts presented.

Jim Ruddock asked about the one-off costs for security.

Viv thanked Stuart for the growing income from the café.

Pat Ireson expressed her thanks to everyone responsible for making the Centre so active and lively, with new things going on.

3) Associate members invited to have two nominated reps for the meeting: Pat Ireson the only nominee, selected.

4) Treasurer and Secretary: Scott Urban and Chris Michael were selected as Treasurer and Secretary.

5) Board members: Richard, Adam, Scott, Viv, Jeff, Eliane,

6) Proposition: Change in membership fees

Viv suggested amendment:

Anyone over 60 and not paying is grandfathered in

"...for future members but will stay in effect for existing members, who will still be required to renew their membership on an annual basis."

Jane Gallagher asked whether couple = "family." Yes.

Suresh Patel asked whether it's possible to advertise membership through a promotional 3-month membership

Proposition carried unanimously

7) Proposition: Committee mandated to oppose demolition

Tim Pizey: Doesn't trust the Council, worried there's an intention to demolish CC to build flats. Feels there's a loss if can't save what's inside. However, if the building can't be saved, perhaps it does make sense to redevelop the Bowls Club now so we can renovate the rest of the CC later on. But concerns have been allayed from discussion at Café.

Richard English: Bowls Club built in 1950s with volunteer labour, added on 1968. Roof in very poor condition, damage, 2009 Council closed it. Has continued to deteriorate since then. 2014 we requested survey from Council, found repairs would be extensive and also have to deal with asbestos. To demolish will be very expensive before you even get to rebuild. We're about to finish negotiate with Council over that space. Committee wants to use the space as soon as possible while also raising funds for development. One option is to go ahead with demolition and then we can use the space. Another option is to try to replace roof and repair walls, but we'd still have to raise funds to get it back up to regs. A third option is to demolish and leave the foundation so we at least have the footprint, although it's not clear the foundation will be suitable for future building. Richard summarised a response from the Council surveyor affirming the expense of trying to repair.

General discussion over the value of trying to renovate or not.

Richard suggested the committee make a renewed commitment to investigate all options to make the space usable as soon as possible. Dedicate funds to conduct a survey aimed at costing future uses.

Tim withdrew his resolution and Viv offered an alternative resolution

"This meeting mandates the Committee to explore all options for the former Bowls Club and to campaign to raise funds to develop the space as part of the Community Centre."

Motion carried unanimously

8) Minutes approved with amendments below:

Amend minutes: Sue Taylor, Officer of the Council
Add Stella name into old minutes where name is missing.

9) AOB: Jim Ruddock asked about our compliance with privacy legislation, Alan explained that we are aware of and carrying out our responsibilities.