

**ST STEPHENS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**Val Bugden-Cawsey as Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting on such a wet and windy night. She was delighted to see our Mayor Cllr Margaret Young and her Deputy Cllr Dave Gordon.**

**Apologies had been received from: Andy Wood (Treasurer) County Cllr Adam Paynter, Anne Green, Rod and Judith Platt, Mark Houlton, David and Tracey Ivell, Ann and Peter Harris, Terry and Pauline Duke, Elizabeth and Lawrence Bailey, Andy Spargo and Peter's wife.**

**Minutes of the previous AGM held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016 had been put on our website and had been ratified at the next Public Meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016 .**

**Matters arising were covered in The Chairman's address.**

**The outgoing Chairman Val gave her Chairman's report in which she stated the last twelve months had been very busy for the Association. She had chaired 7 Committee Meetings and 6 Public Meetings.**

**As an Association we have held 4 social events – a coffee and cake evening at our public meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016, a Christmas Party at the Golf Club on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2016. Peter had generously donated a Christmas tree and lights which by kind permission of Father David had been put on his ground by the entrance to Mayne Close to be enjoyed by everyone travelling on St Stephens Hill. We had a fund raising raffle at our meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and a very successful wine and wisdom evening at the Golf Club on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017.**

**We had conducted a very comprehensive professional traffic survey of our association area which took place over a 2 week period in March this year.**

**All this has been an amazing start for a newly formed association and everyone involved should congratulate themselves for a job well done.**

**As promised Val had presented the survey as an agenda item at the Town Council meeting. It had been submitted as part of the Council's response to Cornwall County Council/ Development Plan Document along with results of the Air Quality survey. Val was disappointed to report that neither of the County Councillors representing our association area had acknowledged receipt of our survey nor had they entered into any dialogue about its content.**

**Val had worked tirelessly and with unabated enthusiasm for the association but as she said at the inaugural AGM she would give it 1 year writing the Constitution, setting up the Association and getting it all going but stand down at this meeting. In future Val will support/ lobby and vote in her role as a Town Councillor when issues are raised regarding the traffic survey, air quality report etc.**

**Val is also working for our North Cornwall MP Scott Mann as his Community Support Officer one day a week and will be able to pursue our interests with Scott when she is no longer a member of our committee.**

**Val will of course continue to represent us all in her capacity as a Town Councillor.**

**Val gave thanks to Ann Boundy for hosting all the committee meetings and acting as secretary when needed. She had arranged the printing of the fliers and together with Terry (Val's husband) delivered the majority of them. Terry , presented Ann with an orchid on behalf of Val .**

**Val gave special thanks to her husband Terry who has had to watch and listen as she has coped with the various worries, struggles and challenges presented during her year in office as Chairman . It is not always easy being the one who stands above the parapet!!!**

**Next Val thanked Barrie her Vice whose health has been a challenge to him and his family over the last six months. He has always been there to hold her hand and to listen (even if he has caught her in her pyjamas at times!!!)**

Finally Val thanked those who had stood on the committee this last 12 months and to those who are standing this year. She wished them well and every success to take this very successful Residents Association forward.

In the Treasurers absence his report was presented by Barrie. The Association is in a good financial position.

At our first meeting in October 2016 a collection was held and £68.47 was collected in donations. Since then our members have in various ways with donations, raffles and a social evening raised £439.67. The Rotary Club of Launceston generously donated £500 to aid our efforts.

Our main expenditure has been on an Association banner which is used to advertise our existence and notify the dates and venue of our meetings.

We have a bank account at Lloyds in Launceston in the name of St Stephens Residents Association.

The total income for the year was £939.67 and total expenditure £287.73. Balance £651.94. Bank balance £604.38 Cash in hand £47.56

The accounts have been independently examined by the Accounts Manager of AECOM Plymouth.

There have been 7 nominations for the 2017/2018 Committee. According to our Constitution we can have a total of 10 Committee members and need 6 to form a quorum . This comprises a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and 6 Committee members. The Committee can co-opt 2 members.

The nominations are Barrie Boundy, Graham Chester, Bryony Citrone, Teresa Herbert, Nikky Read, Andy Spargo, Andy Wood. Val then asked the floor if there were any further nominations – there were none.

The nominees were all elected.

A nomination was required from those elected to become Chairman. Andy Wood had in his absence advised Barrie that he would be prepared to stand as Chairman. This was the only nomination received. Andy Wood was proposed by Barrie and seconded by Nikki and carried unanimously.

The new Committee will meet next week and elect a Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The next public meeting will be advised by fliers and the banner.

**The way forward - in our new Chairman's absence Val stated she felt following on from the Traffic Survey and the Air Quality Report we should instigate a Residents Petition collecting signatures requesting some form of relief road for the North/South side of Town. Our Mayor Margaret Young was in full support of this.**

**Any Questions – a resident was very concerned about the quantity of leaves on the pavement on St Stephens Hill. This was dangerous as when wet they became very slippery. It was felt this was a Highways matter and the Residents Association was asked to contact Highways on Monday to hopefully arrange for the pavements to be cleared. Another resident suggested Roydon Road was also a problem.**

**A resident had read in the Launceston Link that Scott Mann was very interested in St Stephens Hill. She wondered in what respect his interest was in. Val explained this was following on from the Traffic Survey and Air Quality report which she had formally submitted to Scott Mann as our North Cornwall MP .**

**There being no further questions the meeting closed at 7.30pm.**