

2013 Annual General Meeting

held in the Lucia Windsor room at Newnham College on 13th July 2013 at 12:45

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1.1 Present

Morcom Lunt (Chairman), Roger Crabtree (Secretary), Clive Brown (Treasurer), Ann Mullinger (Committee), Nicky Morrison (Committee), Michael Bond (Committee), Margaret Reynolds, Alan Baker, John Lawton, Peter Jeffery, Roger Chatterton.

1.2 Apologies for absence

The Secretary, Roger Crabtree reported that apologies had been received from Jane Singleton and Ron Clifton.

2. Minutes of meeting held on 3rd April 2012

The Chairman advised the meeting that the draft minutes for the previous AGM held on 3rd April 2013 at 7A, Adams Road, Cambridge, CB3 9AD had been issued to the Committee at version 0.1 for review. They were then modified to include comments made and reissued at version 0.2. The Committee had raised no further comments.

Approval was proposed by Roger Crabtree and seconded by Clive Brown. They were then approved nem con.

3. Matters Arising

Action

The minutes did not note any actions to be taken and there were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report

The 2012-13 year has been very successful, but demanding for the FeCRA Committee. Three public meetings related to the development Local Plan have been held in cooperation with the City Council and Planning Department, in particular, Patsy Dell. They were held in June 2012, January 2013 and immediately prior to the AGM. All three meetings were substantially organised by Roger Crabtree, the Secretary whose effort were greatly appreciated. He and the Chairman had worked very well together and his input would be sorely missed..

In addition to the public meetings, many notices had been sent out to the FeCRA contact list. Sadly however, feedback from the contacts continues to be depressingly low, though there are a reasonable number of regular respondents.

Informal discussions with Councillors, Council Officers and residents had indicated that there is a widespread view that FeCRA provides a worthwhile service to City residents and if practical should continue to operate.

5. Treasurer's Report – 1st November 2011 to end June 2013

Clive Brown had previously circulated his report and copies were handed to those who had not seen them. The accounts had been compiled, reviewed and endorsed by Roger Crabtree and Michael Bond, and circulated in line with the Constitution.

Approval was proposed by Morcom Lunt, seconded by Ann Mullinger and then approved nem con.

6. Nominations for and election of Committee Members

The Chairman reported that at the last Committee Meeting Roger Crabtree had advised that he would be standing down as Secretary, and as a Committee member, following the earlier public meeting. Other Committee members are also looking to withdraw over the next 12-18 months.

Michael Bond, Clive Brown, Ann Mullinger, and Nicky Morrison (with caveats) were happy to act for a further year.

However, unless new Committee members were appointed, the sensible course of action would be for FeCRA to be wound up.

The Chairman further reported that no nominations for the Committee had been received 24 hours in advance of the AGM as required by the Constitution. However, the existing Committee could co-opt members and the meeting was asked if any present would volunteer.

In reply to attender queries, the Chairman stated that

- The number of meetings reflected the extent of City-wide activities that warranted FeCRA activity.
- Typically two or three Committee meetings a year had been held (in addition to a public meeting – typically one per year).
- The meetings have normally been held on weekday evenings, between 7 and 9 pm, at the Chairman's house in Adams Road because of its available parking and ease of access.

Following the discussion, John Lawton, Roger Chatterton, Peter Jeffery, and Alan Baker were co-opted onto the Committee. All were co-opted.

Margaret Reynolds indicated that she could be interested in being involved.

7. Nominations for and election of Officers

The Chairman and Treasurer had advised that they were willing to stay in post for a further twelve months. The meeting confirmed their appointment nem con.

The Chairman invited nominations for the position of Secretary, but none were forthcoming.

8. Website

A discussion followed a brief history of the FeCRA website and alternative models such as the Oxford Road blog-site suggested.

John Lawton's offer to set up a website was unanimously welcomed.

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9. Date of next meeting

No date set.

10. Any Other Business

There being additional items of business introduced, Chairman closed the meeting at around 13:10.