

WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND ACCESS GROUP

Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on 8th February 2010
at The Acorns, Grosvenor Road, Weymouth

1. PRESENT

Mike Kelly (President), John Lambert (Chairman), David Harris (Secretary), Steve Rook (Treasurer), Carolyn Harris, George Dyer, Sheila Dyer, Anne Kenwood (Cllr), Julia Willoughby (WPBC), Graham Ryan, June Ryan, Sheila Jackson.

2 APOLOGIES

Ian White, Terri & Ray Bartlett, David Dowle.

3 MINUTES OF THE 2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes were read and approved. (Proposed MK; Seconded SD)

4 REPORT OF PRESIDENT

There were no significant events to pick out over the year. Various items of “business as usual” will be reported as part of following meeting.

5 REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

It's been a routine year, with little of particular note to mention. We've been hindered by the credit crunch restricting the activities of the Council with regards to improving access. An example is the closure of 3 disabled toilets within the borough, due to lack of funds for refurbishment and despite the Group's efforts in campaigning for their retention.

Policy Development Committee (PDC)

This committee has been charged with researching various ways that access for disabled people within the borough could be improved, should they receive any funding for this. Representing the Group, I put forward our agreed proposal of a centre within the town that would be accessible to people using all forms of mobility aids. It would be operated by volunteers as a cafe and occupy a vacant property within the town centre. It would not be exclusively for the use of disabled people, as the general public would be, of course, welcome. Also possible within those premises would be a rental service for wheelchairs/scooters. The local mobility shops could be involved, as well as Shopmobility. The new park and ride scheme, to run from the car park to be built near to Manor Roundabout, will operate accessible transport for disabled people and could drop people off at this centre directly should they wish to rent mobility aids. The Dial-a-Bus service could also be extended and used for this if demand so required.

The PDC Working Group is not now meeting until 26th April 2010, when the committee will consider the working group's final report. I will attend this meeting.

6 REPORT OF TREASURER

The Treasurer presented the accounts and commented that we spent £164.10 more than our income. This is less than the £192 used last year. If there is no significant change we can keep going for another five years at this expenditure rate. Our sole income is still the donation from Weymouth Carnival from manning the ticket stall. So we need to continue to be vigilant about our costs and think about possible income streams for the future.

The accounts were accepted. A copy of the Accounts is below.

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st December 2009

2008	Income	2009	2008	Expenditure	2009
£		£	£		£
250.00	Donation re Carnival	250.00	3.86	Refreshments	6.02
10.00	Donation	0.00	62.79	Postages & Stationery	72.03
			25.00	Subscription RADAR	25.00
			206.44	Insurance	168.15
			0.00	Room hire	0.00
			86.30	Travel	73.40
			68.00	Carer costs	69.50
					414.10
192.39	Excess of expenditure	164.10	0	Excess of income	0.00
	over income			over expenditure	
452.39		414.10	452.39		414.10

CASH ACCOUNT

2008		2009	2008	Represented by:	2009
1366.54	Bank balance b/f 1.1.09	1,187.85	1187.85	Bank balance 31.12.09	1,008.75
20.51	Cash in hand b/f 1.1.09	6.81	6.81	Cash in hand 31.12.09	21.81
260.00	Add income	250.00			
1647.05		1,444.66			
452.39	Less Expenditure	414.10			
1,194.66		1,030.56	1,194.66		1,030.56

S Rook

Hon. Treasurer

These accounts have been examined and agreed in accordance with vouchers and documents presented for examination:

Signed *A. Mester* Date *20-1-10*

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR

The following committee members were elected unanimously.

The executive committee for the year 2010/2011 is therefore:

MIKE KELLY, Hon. President;
 JOHN LAMBERT, Hon. Chairman and Publicity Officer;
 CAROLYN HARRIS Hon Vice-Chairman;
 STEVE ROOK, Hon. Treasurer;
 DAVID HARRIS, Hon. Secretary
 SHEILA DYER, Investigations Officer and Deputy Publicity Officer.

The meeting closed at 2.20pm.