

RAPS AGM

Sunday April 28th 2024, 11.30am at Port House, Port Solent

MINUTES

Attendance: 38

Chair's welcome

Chris Clark (Chair) welcomed the members and extended a special welcome to Brian Madgwick who was attending as a resident, not as local councillor. He explained that other local councillors and Penny Mordaunt MP were not attending on account of the Pre-election Period and that for the same reason Item 8 on the Agenda had been changed from a presentation by the Tipner West Regeneration Project team to a question gathering exercise in order to prime a future presentation by them.

Apologies for absence

Heather Briggs, Richard & Carole Haigh, David and Helen Ewers, Alison and Ross Rundle.

Approval of the Minutes of the 2023 AGM

One matter arising from the 2023 AGM was the establishment of a group chat facility for RAPS. Chair reported that the Committee had considered this and concluded that the new, local Facebook group *Voice for Port Solent* (as featured in the current Newsletter) provided a suitable option.

The Chair asked the meeting to approve the Minutes of the 2023 AGM. Proposed: David Jump; Seconded: Peter Selley

Chair's report

Chair read the report that had been posted on the RAPS Website.

Treasurer's report

Angela Britton (Treasurer) reported that a lot of time had been spent this year convincing Barclays that the RAPS account was not dormant. She said that paid-up membership was down a little on previous years, but RAPS had benefitted financially from the popularity and frequency of the quiz nights at The Botanical.

In response to a question from Peter Selley about the account balance, Treasurer provided figures: £11,057 in the Business Saver Account and £1,340 Community Account. Interest on the Saver Account for the year amounted to £131. She explained that it was important for RAPS to keep surplus money in reserve to meet legal costs.

Treasurer thanked Pat Harvey for his years of service as the accounts auditor.

Election of auditors

Pat Harvey was re-elected.

Election of Officers and Committee Members

No nominations or expressions of interest had been received therefore the Chair declared, with support from the membership, that the following Committee members are re-elected: Chris Clark (Chair), Angela Britton (Treasurer), Olivia Firth (Membership), Peter Lang

Tipner West Regeneration Project (TWRP)

Chair reminded the meeting that the Tipner West Project Team was not permitted to present today and that he had been asked by them to compile questions instead that could be fed into a future presentation to RAPS. The following questions were put and recorded for the Minutes:

1. Is TWRP going to include hospitality & entertainment outlets and if so, what steps will be taken to ensure that they do not adversely impact on the businesses at Port Solent?
2. What proportion of TWRP will be residential?
3. Will sea defences be included in the development and extended to ensure better protection for Port Solent?
4. How much land reclamation will take place and how will that affect the environment, which is designated SSSI?
5. What public transport links (e.g. incorporating Port Solent) are being proposed?
6. It is known that utility infrastructure supporting domestic and non-military requirements is lacking (i.e. already at capacity) on the west side of Portsmouth. What steps will need to be taken to address this deficiency and are they affordable?
7. Will there be a bridge link between Tipner West and Horsea Island and if so, what will it be designed to carry?
8. Is there ongoing commitment to providing a country park facility on Horsea Island and will that be comprised within the TWRP?

AOB

Nicolas Murphy asked about avoiding a date clash of the AGM with pre-election periods. Chair agreed and stated that next year there are no elections but there will be in 2026 so a different date will be sought for that year.

Teresa Pask said that although some Wildwood restaurants around the UK were closing, the branch at Port Solent would remain open. She asked if The Boardwalk kept RAPS informed of changes. Chair said that it was up to us to find out from their website. In answer to another question about the restaurants, Nigel Padbury, a POSOL director, clarified that Boardwalk restaurants are not supported by POSOL charges.

David Jump thanked the Committee and congratulated the Chair on his recent marriage.

Chair closed the meeting at 12:13pm