

Approved Minutes of HRA Committee Meeting  
Held on 12th March 2018  
At Highfield House Hotel

Present. Jerry Gillen, Chris Klewe, Steven Johnston, Stephen Connolly, Nadine Johnson, Nicolla Martin, Adrian Ford, Adrian Vinson, Simon Hill.  
Attending. Councillor John Savage, Councillor Paul O'Neill, Councillor Matthew Claisse, Jon Walsh, (SU), Nick Bacon, George Foster.  
Apologies. Mark Batchelor, Jill Baston, Police representatives.

1. Welcome, declaration of interests.

Jerry welcomed all present. Councillor John Savage declared that Council officials had advised him not to make any donation to HRA funds.

2. The minutes of the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> February were approved..

3. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

4. University Liaison.

Jon Walsh reported on University matters and this is added at the end of the minutes.

5. Reports.

Finance. The new Treasurer, Adrian Ford, gave his report and is liaising with Mark Bachelor over preparation for the AGM. It has been decided to have a working group to further consider the need for the Association to have full online banking, with particular reference to automated membership renewals. The HRA is still solvent.

Membership.

Nicolla Martin reported as follows:-

Data base records	488
Paid up total	351
Rolling total	44

Mention was made of the new Data Protection requirements and this is being looked into.

Planning.

The Secretary has sent off two written objections this month and there was discussion of the continuing difficulty in obtaining information and prompt action from the Planning dept. Cllr Savage has had a brief word with the Head of Planning and was trying to assist with outstanding issues.

The Chair reported on the proposed **Lidl** development, which although out of

our immediate area he felt would be a benefit and would be supporting personally. There is a public consultation on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at St mark's Church, Archers Rd, 4pm to 8.00 pm.

Website and Newsletter.

Jerry complimented everyone concerned with the production of this issue and the fact the cost had been significantly reduced. Nadine has questioned whether we might need to revert to Tudor for distribution another time, due to the burden placed upon the Street Reps. for such a large quantity. Nadine reported we would be losing the participation of Alison Titherage as she is moving on within Mayflower.

Nadine reported that the website was going well with no issues to raise.

7. AOB

JG reported that this would be the last HRA meeting he would be **Chairing** apart from the AGM with Roger Brown's support on the night. In any case he is not available for the second Mondays of April and May. As things stand the April committee meeting will still be held, not least to ensure final arrangements for the AGM.

Nicolla said that a member had requested that the churchyard wall between the path and the school in Church Lane have the aggressive holly removed by the council who are responsible for it. Also that the cut(Church Path) through from Church Lane to Highfield Crescent have the rubbish picked up and cleared. The Ward Councillors agreed to look into it.

There was still no definite answer re the unauthorised HMO at 8 Westridge Rd. Councillor Savage is assisting in obtaining answers.

8. Next meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

University Update 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
Science and Engineering Week

Whilst the University is sad to announce the cancellation of Science and Engineering day a number of events did/are going ahead and I sent links to Nadine to distribute last week, the only remaining event is March 13<sup>th</sup> University challenged - a panel quiz completion with free refreshments in Nightingale building room 1027 from 18:30 until 21:00. Tickets for these and a range of other events are all available to book (for free) at

[www.sotsef.co.uk](http://www.sotsef.co.uk) under wider festival events.

Economic Impact of Universities.

The Solent area Local Enterprise partnership will meet this Wednesday for its AGM, this will include publication of the Solent Universities Economic Impact Report, a report onto the impact of the Solent areas 3 Universities, which highlights the significant role they play.

The study showed that every £1 the universities generate from their own work sustains £6 worth of UK economic activity, with £3 of that retained in the Solent LEP area.

Between us we inject £4.2 billion into the UK economy every year, supporting 52,300 jobs, with £2.1 billion of economic value, 33,000 of these jobs being here in the Solent region.

Physics steps

As I advised Jerry a few weeks ago, the steps closure period has changed slightly, the steps were closed on March 5<sup>th</sup> but this is now for 8 weeks. Letters have been distributed to all near neighbours who may be affected and we have received a very positive response to the news the work will be done.

Meetings with the Community.

The University Chief Operating Officer met with members of HRA and EBRA on February 15<sup>th</sup> for what we felt was a useful meeting. We have scheduled a meeting with SCAPPS for March 14<sup>th</sup> to further discuss the interface between Salisbury Road and the common as it relates to our planning application for our new Learning and Teaching building.

Data on student accommodation units and economic impact in the Southampton area.

Firstly I want to be make clear that the purpose built halls numbers are based on planning applications that have been approved, I cannot guarantee each of these purpose built halls was or will be subsequently built or that I have not missed an application and therefore I cannot be certain that this figure is 100% accurate:

The University of Southampton employs around 6,000 FTE and has a turnover of around £555 million. We support 14,000 jobs within the city and £900 million(Gross Value Added).

Each Student brings with them around £13,111 of additional (non-academic) spending to the Southampton Economy and at £4359 accommodation is the largest single item of expenditure.

The University of Southampton has around 25,400 students enrolled and around 22,800 of these are based in Southampton.

Solent University has around 11,300 students.

Southampton University's largest hall complexes are:

Glen Eyre - 2293 beds Wessex Lane -1829 beds Mayflower halls – 1104 beds

(Please note this its total number of beds assuming all rooms are in active use, actual occupancy may be lower)

Of the Purpose built halls I am aware of, the beds available are:

Total: 15,569

of which UoS: 6245

Solent University: 2,045

Purpose built privately run: 7,279

Of these 7277 rooms they are broadly based:

City Centre: 5,428

Portwsood + Swaythling: 1,731

Bassett: 120