

Chesham Action Partnership
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 19th October 2010 at Chesham Town Hall

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In attendance:

Dr Tom Gorsuch (Chairman)	Chesham Society
Mr David Carter (Treasurer)	Chesham Society
Ms Kathryn Graves (Secretary)	Chesham Town Council (CTC)
Mr Bill Richards	CTC
Mr Fred Wilson	Chesham Chamber of Trade and Commerce
Mr Phil Folly	COPAG/Chesham Environmental Group (CEG)
Mr Malcolm Godwin	Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC)
Ms Mora Walker	Chesham Museum
Mr David Gardner	Chiltern District Council (CDC)
Cllr Gill Walker	CTC
Mr Stuart Ottley	Caracol
Mrs Irene Perrin	Shed@ThePark
Ms Alison Derrick	BCC
Ms Julia King	BCC
Ms Deborah Taylor	NHS Buckinghamshire
Ms Barbara Richardson	COPAG
Ms Beverley Trevitt	Bucks Community Foundation
Mr Geoff Gigg	Paradigm Housing
Ms Jan Longhurst	Church2Community
Ms Carol Flower	Church2Community
Mr Masud Ahmed	Chesham Asian Welfare Society

Apologies:

Management Committee: Cllr Noel Brown – BCC/CDC/CTC, Mr Ken Austin - Chesham Community Vision/CEG

Cllr Merrin Molesworth – CTC, Mr Ed Fraser – Compuhealth, Dr Siobhan Bygate – Chesham High School, Mr Roy Abraham - Chiltern Racial Equality Council, Ms Moira Hamer - Amersham & Wycombe College, Mr Martin Woolnough – Chesham United, Mr Brian McCollum – Chesham Park Community College, Mr Tony White – Chesham Town Twinning, Cllr Mark Shaw – Pond Park Community Association, Mr John Amatt – Nexus Community

1. Minutes of AGM of 20th October 2009

The minutes of the AGM of the 20th October 2009 were agreed as a correct record.

2. Report on ChAP's Activities During the Previous Year

Dr Tom Gorsuch (TG) summarised ChAP's performance in relation to its major objectives over the last year. ChAP has been successful in supporting groups that deliver the Chesham Community Vision by funding 15 projects and in so doing

spending nearly double ChAP's annual income. TG expressed CHAP's deep appreciation for the annual grant from CDC, and suggested that as an active funding group for the largest settlement in the Chilterns, ChAP could put forward a good argument for continuing to receive such funding. However, TG urged the group not to rely upon the grant and said that whilst ChAP has a small reserve, ChAP will need to address the issue of funding in the New Year.

With respect to engaging with local government and proposing and actioning projects and activities, ChAP has interacted well with local government and has received good support from all tiers. ChAP has not, however, developed any large scale ideas to attract substantial amounts of funding.

In standing down as Chairman, TG offered his thanks to all ChAP members, especially the officers, for their assistance over the last two years.

Mr Fred Wilson (FW) said that TG has taken ChAP a long way since its establishment and asked the group to show their appreciation for TG's leadership in a round of applause.

3. Financial Report

The group examined the tabled financial report for 2009-10. Mr David Carter (DC) explained that the major expenditure over the last year has been grants to support local projects. The other expenditure has been insurance. DC suggested the need to set up a more formal system of funding to identify sources of finance that ChAP can call upon in the future.

4. Appointment of Assessor

Mr Trevor Pilling was appointed as the assessor for 2010-11.

5. Election of Honorary Officers and Committee Members

All members of the Management Committee retired from office. Mr Bill Richards (BR) read out the names of the following people who had agreed to offer themselves for re-election and the re-election took place on block:

Dr Tom Gorsuch, Mr David Carter, Mr Ken Austin, Cllr Noel Brown, Ms Barbara Richardson, Mr David Gardner, Mr Fred Wilson, Ms Kathryn Graves, Ms Anthea Watkins/Mr Geoff Gigg, Ms Mora Walker, Cllr Gill Walker and Mr Bill Richards.

Ms Kathryn Graves, Mr David Carter and Mr Fred Wilson were re-elected as Secretary, Treasurer and Vice-Chairman, respectively.

BR informed the group that Cllr Noel Brown (NB) had expressed his willingness to stand as Chairman prior to the meeting. Whilst it was acknowledged that the general view of ChAP members was that it would be preferable to have a non-political chairman in order to retain the group's independence, NB was considered a good choice. BR explained that NB would be willing to step aside if another nominee came forward during the year. On this basis, Cllr Noel Brown was elected as Chairman.

TG expressed his thanks to those members of the Management Committee who had stood down and explained that there are now four vacancies on the committee. TG particularly thanked Ms Alison Derrick for her contribution.

The meeting closed at 2.17 pm.