



"Working together for Ross-on-Wye"

ROWTOP PROGRESS GROUP (RPG)

AGM

Thursday 5th January 2012

7.15pm

The Larruperz Centre

Present: Chris Gooding, John Edwards, Caroline Utting, Chris Bartrum, Jane Roberts, Mervyn Reynolds, Dai Harries, Mary Brewin, Philip Preston, Simon Cropper, Rob brain, Will Frecknall, Dennis Humble, Andy Atkinson, Ian Murray, Sam Philips, Stephen Earl, Tina Hogg.

Apologies: James Weatherhead, John Taylor.

Welcome: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting especially those who had not been to a Town Plan Progress Group one before. He explained that an AGM had been overlooked last year. This was most likely due to the sad passing of Brian Atherton, who had been such an important member of the group, and then the elections at which a number of the group had been standing as local government candidates.

Chairman's Summary: Rob gave a summary of the groups achievements over the last two years. Particular mention was made of the very success Screen at The Phoenix. There was some general discussion about Localities Working.

Treasurer's Report: John Edwards said that the bank account had earned 20p in interest over the year. Expenditure for the year totalled £802.51p and the balance stood at £2,033.65. He opened the floor to questions. Jane Roberts asked what the payments to Wyenet were for. John explained that they register and host the Town Plan website. Jane thought it could be done more cheaply but liked to support a local business. It was agreed that John would see if he could negotiate a lower charge from them in February when the next payment was due. Ian Murray enquired where the group's funds came from and John explained the money had come in the form of grants of which a residue was left. There were some suggestions that the balance could be earning more if it was placed in another account or invested but in light of the need for easy access to the money it was agreed to leave it where it was.

Election of Officers: Rob Brain said that he would like to stand down as chairman of the group. There were no candidates to take his place though so he agreed to stand again. Chris Bartrum proposed and Dai Harries seconded that the 3 existing officers stand en-bloc. This was agreed and they were re-elected unanimously: Rob Brain Chairman, John Edwards Treasurer and Publicity Officer and Caroline Utting Secretary. It was agreed to create the post of Webmaster. Dai Harries proposed and Dennis Humble seconded Ian Murray so, there being only one candidate, Ian Murray was elected unanimously and thanked for all the work he has done so far on the webpage.

The AGM closed at 7.42pm.

Next meeting January 3rd 2013