

RACA AGM
Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th October 2011

Present:

Organisation	Name		Organisation	Name
RACA	Peter Keen (chairman)		Town Council	Alan Turner
	Brenda Willett		BCC	Carl Etholen
	Malcolm Godwin		WDC	Bill Bendyshe-Brown
RACB	Malcolm Maultby		Rotary	Wally Adams
RAF	Miv Hughes		Day Care Centre	Peter Robinson
RARA	Tony Davies		PR School	Pete Rowe
Festival Committee	Richard Stevenson		U3A	Wendy Griffiths
			W&CRA	Dick Shaw
RDCA	Arthur Edwards		CTR	Geoff Blease
	Richard Daniels		Industrial/Retail Chaplain	Denise Critchell

Apologies: Reg Orsler, Francis Gomme, Trevor Fitch, Tony Maisey

Peter Keen welcomed all present to the meeting.

Peter then circulated the accounts prepared by Reg Orsler. Bill Bendyshe Brown was concerned that we had not had any income during the last financial year, and John Hughes pointed out that the expenditure to Reflex Reprographics was for RACA's share of the town entry board usage. Brenda Willett pointed out that with the imminent erection of a third entry board on the Longwick Road this cost would increase.

The acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Bill Bendyshe Brown and seconded by Tony Davies. All members were in favour.

Community Bus: Peter then asked Malcolm Maultby for a report on the Community Bus. Malcolm reported that passenger numbers now average about 400 per week, and the new Bledlow Ridge and Speen routes were slowly picking-up. The Loosley Row run had been discontinued in July due to lack of use. Malcolm pointed out that for each £1.00 fare when bus pass was presented they received less than 45p reimbursement, and bus passes accounted for about 93% of the passengers, also the bus operators grant will be cut to less than 20% next year. There is a donations box in the bus which yields a small income and also they have started running ½ day outings at weekends. Currently the bus is experiencing mechanical problems which are causing much anxiety and loss of service. A bus has to be hired while repairs are carried out.

Arthur Edwards reported that the Risborough & District Community Association (RDCA) has nominated the Community Bus for a 'Volunteers' award.

Peter Keen proposed a vote of thanks to Malcolm, Reg Taylor and the Management Committee for all their hard work.

Kop Hill Climb: Peter asked Tony Davies to give a report of the 2011 Kop Hill Climb. Tony reported that it was the best year yet with takings of over £60K during the weekend, and he was hopeful that there would be approximately £40K to give to local charities. He expressed his thanks to the 200 volunteers, without whom the event would not be so successful.

Bill Bendyshe Brown proposed a vote of thanks to all the Kop Hill team.

'The way forward': Peter outlined the proposal that RACA be dissolved and a Risborough Area Partnership be formed. The idea had evolved from visiting many market towns of similar size over the last few months. All these towns had a partnership between Town Council and local organisations, and many had a Town Centre Manager. Peter believed that this was the way forward for Princes Risborough when finances allowed. Peter circulated copies of the revised constitution. A co-ordinating Committee

will be setup, as part of this there is a Communications Document that Alan Turner will circulate, and Miv Hughes and Arthur Edwards are to head the Communications team.

Alan Turner agreed that it was a step in the right direction. Christmas events are well in hand, and the plans are to expand on events that went well for Christmas 2010.

Peter thanked Alan for his hard work in erecting the market stalls every Thursday and on third Sunday morning of the month.

Dissolution of RACA: Peter had invited leaders of the local organisations to tonight's meeting, although he had advertised the meeting in the Library and the Information Centre with an invite to the public to attend. A public meeting would be held once the formation of RAP had been approved.

Richard Stevenson proposed adoption of the dissolution; seconded by Bill Bendyshe Brown, Martyn Thomas abstained.

Peter then asked for the adoption of the revised constitution, which had already been agreed by Town Council and RACA. Alan Turner proposed acceptance, seconded by Tony Davies, Martyn Thomas, Pete Rowe and Wendy Griffiths abstained.

Election of Officers:

Chairman – Peter Keen was elected unopposed, proposed by Bill Bendyshe Brown and seconded by Richard Stevenson, for a 3-year term.
and Vice-Chairman – Trevor Fitch was elected unopposed, proposed by Bill Bendyshe Brown and seconded by Geoff Blease, for a 3-year term.
Treasurer – Reg Orsler to remain until a replacement is found.
Secretary – Brenda Willett elected unopposed, proposed by Richard Stevenson and seconded by John Hughes, for a 3-year term.

John Hughes then proposed transfer of accounts from RACA to RAP, seconded by Alan Turner. Bill Bendyshe Brown pointed out the need for an adequate funding stream. Peter said he envisaged funding from Whatsonrisborough website, RAP will receive a % of each new user that signs up, there will also be proceeds from planned music festival, Kop Hill Climb, LEEDER funding and other funding sources open to organisations.

Tony Davies proposed a vote of thanks to all those who started RACA as a result of the Town Centre Survey.

Peter to advise members on the next move.