

BAY VIEW CARAVAN OWNERS' ASSOCIATION
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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 8.APRIL 2017

PRESENT:	COMMITTEE	
	Marjorie Edwards	Secretary/Membership
	Rosemary Burbidge	Liaison Officer
	Mike Hardiman	Rep/Auditor
	Derek & Chris Keller	Reps
	Val and Roy Gill	Reps
	Ian and Philippa Hills	Reps

Approx 45 Association members (Signed in) 29 caravans represented

Ro Burbridge acted as Chairman in the absence of Richard Swan. She opened the meeting and welcomed all the members.

APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from committee members Richard Swan, Rhoda and Damien Goodwin and Harry Horton. Several other apologies representing 12 caravans had been received by the Secretary by word and email and have been recorded.

MINUTES OF LAST GENERAL MEETING ON 1 OCTOBER 2016

These are available on the owners' website for all to see.

Any matters arising will be covered through the rest of this meeting.

There were no other changes to the Minutes so they were agreed and will be signed (in absentia)

TREASURERS REPORT

There was no Treasurer's Report in the absence of the Treasurer but the funds remain fairly static at around £2200. A few more new members had paid their subscriptions and some overdue payments have been received by post and also by hand today. There is a raffle today Just to add to funds. (Post meeting: The raffle raised £37.) The accounts can be seen on the owners Website.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership has increased a little since the last meeting – we now have 173 signed up members as of today's date, which takes us up to approx. 60% of registered vans on the site so we are in a very good position, but our aim is still 100% of owners as members! Please continue to be aware when there are changes in ownership around you. The full membership report is on the website.

LIAISON SECRETARY'S REPORT

There seemed to be an improvement in grass cutting and tidiness of grounds in some areas of the park but in others the problem is worse than ever. There is still a problem with hedge cutting so do persevere with asking if you need hedges cut. The long hedge in Bluebell is still causing problems and Darwin are now asking the owners in that section to contribute to the cutting costs.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE ITEM

Work has gone ahead on the new transformer for the electrical supply around the park, to provide a 32 amp supply which will improve electrical use for everyone and prevent electricity tripping out. Some people reported that their supply is still tripping but the work has not been completed and we may not see the full result until finalisation in May. There was much discussion about the unfairness of being asked to pay for the work, even though Richard Swan had negotiated a re-think on the charging at his meeting with Drew Campbell. *It was proposed that a whole rethink on the Capital Expenditure charge should take place by the Committee before next September when the next half of the site fees*

(which contain the remaining 50% of C.E) become due. Perhaps the Office of Fair Trading should be consulted about this.
(Chair (post meeting) – The Association is unable to take the matter of the CE any further as the date for consultation regarding the 2017 site fee finished at the end of February 2017 and different licences approach CE in different ways. The Association did respond to Darwin and the payment schedule for those on licences of less than 10 years to run was changed as a result. If any owner wishes to take the matter further they will need to do this as an individual in line with the provisions made in their specific licence.)

DARWIN OWNERS PARTY

This was held on November 12 and those who attended reported that it was a good evening, especially the food. One complaint was that the music was too loud to hold conversations.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

We will hold another Christmas Social on December 4, same weekend as the Street Market here at Emmanuel BC from 5-7pm. Members will need to book via email (or phone/post) in advance so we can cater correctly.

There was a suggestion that we should also hold a 'Re-opening Party' in March 2018 when everyone arrives back for the new season.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were several items of AOB, as follows:

1. Why wasn't the electrical work done in the closed period? It was very remiss of Darwin not to have planned that better and had more consideration for owners. (Chair (post meeting) – we understand that the local electricity supplier, who have to be involved with the work, was unable to make dates during the close down period)
2. Some owners felt that NACO have not been at all helpful and they tend to favour Darwin's view rather than the owners position. The 2013 NACO/Darwin licence was upheld by NACO as the 'best licence in the industry' so why aren't Darwin making proper use of it? 15/20 NACO members present (names collected) proposed that NACO should be contacted about this. (Post meeting: Someone inferred that a NACO director was now serving as a member of Darwin's Board of Directors. This has now been checked and found NOT to be the case)
3. Wi-fi was discussed at the last meeting. Has any follow up been done concerning this? (Chair (post meeting) – this has been requested but Darwin does not appear to be interested in taking this up. It will be raised at my next meeting with Drew)
4. The Barrier – most people are still unhappy about the barrier and feel that it serves no purpose for the owners. Why can't a code be used both day and night to avoid long hold ups, especially in the summer months?
5. Signing in on arrival seems to be completely pointless – it appears that most people don't bother which makes a mockery of Darwin's aim 'to know how many people are on the park in the event of an incident'. Even if owners have signed in it does not mean that they are on site at any particular time.
6. One new owner is desperately unhappy with their licence, which they report that they had been bullied into signing in a hurry. It appears that their licence includes them having to pay for their water supply. There was much controversy over this. The Committee pointed out that Darwin are using at least 5 different types of licence, so item 2 of AOB seems to have even more importance in this situation.

The meeting ended at 6.15pm, followed by refreshments. Thanks to Rosemary and Marjorie for the provision.
Date of Next Meeting: Saturday 30 September, 2017 which will be a full AGM with voting for new Committee and their posts held.

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS FOR YOUR DIARY

Christmas Social: 4th December, 5 – 7pm.

2017 Annual General meeting – Saturday 30 September at 5pm

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

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