

**NOTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – WHICH WAS HELD AT  
POCKLINGTON ARTS CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2014 AT  
7.30PM**

In attendance: 30 people including 9 councillors. The Town Crier, Geoff Sheasby, called the meeting to order and introduced the Town Mayor.

1. The Town Mayor, Councillor Ann Cox welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced other councillors present.
2. Councillor Ann Cox was appointed Chairman
3. Cllr Jones proposed that those who live outside the parish be allowed to speak at the meeting. He suggested a limit of 15minutes for each subject be kept. This was seconded by Cllr Perry and agreed.
4. The notes of the last meeting held on 17th April 2013 were accepted..
5. Councillor Cox then showed a power-point presentation highlighting the work of the council during the last year.
6. Questions from the floor included
  - Mr Mason said the meeting had not been advertised enough – he experienced difficulty in finding out from the library when it was being held.
  - Mr Brown asked that the work of Grahame Hicks the Chairman of the Gateway Group be fully recognised. The meeting was pleased to pass on their thanks for his tireless efforts.
  - Mr Cooper asked what progress had been made relating to the 'pinch point' of the culvert at the Post Office? Cllr Jones was able to update the meeting on a recent update received from the Environment Agency in which they are considering bringing an unused channel in that area back into use in flood conditions.
  - Mr Sheasby complained of widespread dog fouling in the town whereupon the Mayor gave an update on a seminar councillors had attended and the work being done to make the cemetery an area where dogs had to be on a lead.
  - Mr Knill said he hoped the good work done by Allison and Denise in organising the Late Night Shopping event would be recognised and

that a new committee would take on the organisation this year. He asked that publicity be given requesting volunteers.

- Mr Bond said he felt the area was missing an opportunity not to promote cycling more. Half of the short journeys in Holland are done by cycle which we should encouraged more in our town.
- Mrs Green said safety of the cyclist was paramount and asked the Town Council to consider supporting Welcome to Yorkshire to include Pocklington as a cycle friendly town on a map they are having printed.
- Mr Hicks reported on progress on getting further information on the screen outside the Arts Centre. Security of the site was most important but it was hoped to feature the Town Council web-site together with that of the Arts Centre soon.
- Mr Mason gave the view that local information is not easily obtainable from the library.
- Mrs Stubbs complained about local information leaflets not featuring on the stand in the foyer of the Arts Centre.
- Mr Wood suggested a lockable display cabinet be fitted outside Glam Spa. After a discussion this was felt to be problematic.
- Mrs Green asked if the town council had been consulted on where the 4G all weather pitch was to be sited. Cllr Jones was able to give details of a recent meeting with ERYC staff but he understood no decision had yet been made.

There being no further questions everyone was thanked for attending and the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

7. The next Town Meeting will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at The Old Courthouse at 7.30pm.