



# THE BEACONSFIELD SOCIETY

*celebrating the past, promoting the present and influencing the future*

## **Draft Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 16 June in the Fitzwilliams Centre, Windsor End, HP9 2JW starting at 7.00 pm**

**Present:** The following Committee members and 11 further members were present.

**Committee:** Mike Elliott (Chairman), Tony Bristow, Les Davies, Kari Dorme, Nanu Hodson, Debbie Marsden, Colin Mitchell and Laurence Smaje (Secretary)

**Apologies for absence:** Chris Cook, Nick Edwards, Steve and Carol Smalley, John Meredith, Janet Ridley, Deborah and Peter Saunders, Ray Tincknell, Jess McEvoy, Jacqui Hogan and Deirdre Smaje completed Proxy Forms or sent emails to the Secretary.

Mike Elliott summarised the events that led to Beaconsfield Old Town Residents Association approaching The Beaconsfield Society with a view to merging the two associations. The committees of both organisations were in favour of the merger as their missions were similar and by combining their individual strengths, they could serve the whole community of Beaconsfield more effectively together than separately. At the AGM of BOTRA on 6 May, there was unanimous approval of the proposal and this Special Meeting of The Beaconsfield Society had been called after the necessary notice of 28 days had been given.

The motion was as follows:

*That the immediate merger between The Beaconsfield Society and Beaconsfield Old Town Residents Association through changes to the Constitution be approved by members of The Beaconsfield Society and that the necessary committee be approved to accomplish this no later than the 2015-16 AGM*

A vote was then held and approved unanimously. Proxy votes and email expressions of support were also unanimously in favour of the merger.

The Beaconsfield Society Constitution calls for a two thirds majority of members present and a quorum is specified as 12.

Accordingly, the merger will take place according to the interim arrangements set out in the Agenda of the Special General meeting and reiterated below.

1. *Memberships, assets and objectives of BOTRA will be merged with those of The Beaconsfield Society with effect from 17 June 2016.*

2. *BOTRA's financial assets will be ring-fenced for use in the Old Town until it is finally wound up. This will take place within 12 months of the merger, with any unused funds then transferred to the general funds of The Beaconsfield Society.*
3. *As the name of The Beaconsfield Society is well known throughout the area and reflects the work of the combined organisations, it is proposed that the merged organisation should be called The Beaconsfield Society.*
4. *Specific details of the merger will be agreed by a sub-committee of the officers of both organisations.*
5. *All members of BOTRA will automatically become members of The Beaconsfield Society until The Beaconsfield Society AGM in November when they will be required to pay The Beaconsfield Society subscription should they wish to remain members.*
6. *Those committee members of BOTRA who wish to do so will be co-opted onto the TBS Committee until the autumn AGM.*
7. *At the AGM, new Officers and Committee members of the merged associations will be elected.*

Laurence Smaje  
17 June 2016