



Minutes of Committee meeting 6pm on 4th March 2026 by Zoom

1	<p>Apologies Anant Suchak</p> <p>Present Debbie Annells (Minutes), Patrick Lowe (Chair), Manish Suchak (Business Rep), Jack Moxley (Publicity), and Jean Thomas (Tenants).</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of Forum Committee meeting on 17th November 2025. These were agreed by all with no amendments.</p>	
3	<p>Dates for future Committee meetings. See below.</p>	
Part B	Main Business	
4	<p>Regulation 16 Consultation progress. The Committee were very happy that the Regulation 16 Consultation, run by the Council Neighbourhood Planning Team, with responses sent back through the Council's Your Voice Planning Portal directly to them, had started as expected on Thursday 23rd October 2025, and is running for 6 weeks until Thursday 4th December 2025 (midnight). The Residents Ass newsletter has included a slightly longer than usual article about this Consultation in the upcoming Newsletter edition on page 3, hard copies to be distributed to all households in Coldean, about 1500, on 23rd/24th November 2025.</p> <p>A diary of 10 Drop-In sessions and talks in differing venues and times during the Consultation Period had been set up for enquiries and so that people can look through the hard copy documents as needed, and ask questions of Committee members, and submit feedback to the Council portal. The events which have run so far have gone well, with many more people joining as Forum members.</p> <p>Emails about the Consultation, with the Portal link, had gone out to all Members and consultees and those who responded to the Regulation 14 Consultation.</p>	

	Posters for all 6 Coldean Notice Boards, and 6 Notice Boards in Denman Place have been put up, notifying the Neighbourhood Area of the Regulation 16 Consultation.	
5.	<p>Independent Examiner election update</p> <p>The Council Planning Team visualised the Independent Examiner being selected and starting his/her review in February 2026, and mentioned that Frank Stebbings had been the Independent Examiner for 4 out of 5 Plans for BHCC. Debbie had contacted Intelligent Planning & Examinations (IPE) in Bristol to discuss the process for selecting the Independent Examiner; and they confirmed this was a suitable candidate, who had indeed been the IE in 4 out of 5 Plans reviewed for BHCC before.</p>	Debbie
6.	<p>2025 AGM preparation</p> <p>As the 2024 AGM arrangements at the Ruby Pub & Hotel had worked well, it had been agreed at the last Committee meeting that the venue can be used again, with a provisional date and time set for 9th December 2025 starting at 2.30pm to be followed by a Social/Refreshments. After some discussion it was agreed that an early evening AGM may attract more attendees so the 2025 AGM date was finally agreed as 6pm on Wed 10th December, at the above venue, with a Christmas Social afterwards. Patrick will draft an AGM Notice (to be issued 14 days in advance) and the AGM Agenda for the day.</p>	
7.	<p>Planning Applications Update</p> <p>This matter was carried forward. Planning applications for the Coldean area are constantly under review by the Committee</p>	Patrick
8.	<p>Publicity</p> <p>It was agreed that at the time of the Referendum next year we may need to do a printed flyer to all households to encourage all eligible voters to vote.</p>	
9.	<p>AOB</p> <p>* It was suggested to write to the Ombudsman about the use of the Bluebell Heights s106 money. In the recent allocation of funds of £750,00 for the Better Future Brighton Fund, Coldean appeared to be allocated only £22,000. An FOI request can also be sent to the Council on these same matters. Jack volunteered to draft suitable letters.</p> <p>*The Forum Committee is provisionally agreeing to have Christmas lunch together at a suitable local venue, as a year end celebration and thank you for all their hard work.</p> <p>* It is understood that Coldean Community Organisation will have their AGM on Fri 5th December 2025. Some Forum Committee members will attend.</p>	Jack
	Meeting closed at 7.00 pm	