



Minutes of a meeting of Midhurst Town Council Finance and General Purposes Committee held at The Old Library, Knockhundred Row, Midhurst on 11 April 2016 at 7.50 p.m.

MEMBERS

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| ✓ Ms C Lintott (Chairman) | Mr M Purves (Vice Chairman) |
| ✓ Mr N Cheshire | ✓ Mr B Flynn |
| Mrs M Guest | ✓ Mr G McAra |
| Mr S Morley | ✓ Mrs J Sutton |
| Mr J Quilter Vice Chairman of the Council | |

✓=Present

The press also attended this meeting.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Morley, Mr Purves, Mr Quilter and Mrs Guest.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3. Representations from the Public

There were none.

4. Matters Arising from the Meeting held 14.03.2016

There were none.

5. Council Governance Documents Review

It was agreed to take this item to full council and request Members to volunteer to review the governance documents. Mr McAra recommended that the Standing Orders be amended to make provision for the Council Chairman and Vice Chairman to be on all committees.

6. To approve payment of CDC accounts by Direct Debit

Ms Lintott advised that CDC is no longer accepting payment by cheque, and proposed that the Council approve the payment of CDC accounts by Direct Debit. This was seconded by Mr Flynn and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.**

7. Old Library Management Sub-Committee

Mr Cheshire reported that at the last meeting, the Sub-Committee had focused on the high priority items from the fire risk assessment, and had also agreed on a list of day to day management tasks. He believed the Sub-Committee was making progress.

8. Communications Group

8.1. Report

A report on the Communications Group meeting of 6 April had been distributed to Members.



8.2. To consider Proposal from Communications Group to have Midhurst Matters Blog

An example blog article had been produced and a screenshot was circulated to Members. Mrs Sutton advised that the intention was to have a free WordPress site with the URL midhurstmatters.wordpress.com. Any article would be approved by the Clerk before being published, and the ability to comment on the blog would be disabled. Articles would however be promoted on the Midhurst Together Facebook page where the public would be able to comment.

It was proposed by Mr Cheshire, seconded by Mr McAra and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that the proposed blog be registered.

9. Financial Statements

The bank reconciliation and details of receipts and payments for March had been circulated and were noted.

10. Town Centre Manager Report

Mrs Burgoyne had not produced a formal report, but had reported to the Clerk that the Italian Market on Saturday had gone well despite the weather forecast and a wet start, and that people had come into the town from outside the immediate area. The market operator has offered her an extra date of 2 July in addition to 8 October.

11. Matters of Report

11.1. Mr McAra reported that WSCC has appointed a new CEO, Mr Nathan Elbery, who is currently CEO of the London Borough of Croydon.

11.2. Mr McAra reported that there will be numerous changes to the Stagecoach bus services from 29 May, including revising of the Sunday and Bank Holiday service to Worthing and cancelling the Sunday and Bank Holiday services to Haslemere and Petersfield. The current service to Bognor Regis will only run as far as Chichester, with a change of bus needed to get to Bognor Regis.

It was agreed to discuss this matter at full council in order to formulate a response to WSCC.

11.3. Mr McAra reported that Operation Watershed was back for the 3rd year.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.