



Midhurst Town Council

**A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 27th JANUARY 2020 AT 7:30pm
IN THE MIDHURST TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE, THE OLD LIBRARY,
KNOCKHUNDRED ROW, MIDHURST**

MINUTES

Present: Cllr G. Upjohn (Chairman), Cllr D. Coote, Cllr D. Smallman, Cllr C. Lintott, Cllr J. Sutton and Cllr S. Morley

Officer: Julian Quail, Assistant Town Clerk
2 Members of the public were also present

CE/01/20 - Apologies for Absence

Cllr M. Purves and Cllr M. Whittaker

CE/02/20 - Declarations of Interest

None declared

CE/03/20 – Matters Arising from the Minutes of 25th November 2019

None to consider.

CE/04/20 – Public Participation

Planters in North Street: Concerns was expressed at the potential restricted view from the exit of Lamberts Lane onto North Street, if planters were installed, due to their positioning and height. It was explained that the planters would be situated to the left of the zebra crossing in a southerly direction and closer to the Upholsterers, rather than close to the exit of Lamberts Lane. In addition, it was noted that WSCC had approved the application based on the dimension of the planters.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB): Concern was raised at the level of ASB in Midhurst, following the egging of a property. It was explained that egging had been discussed at the recent Midhurst, Petworth and Fernhurst Crime Reduction Forum (MPFCRF) and was being taken seriously by this group. The Chairman of the MPFCRF was intending on speaking to attendees at the Midhurst Youth Club to see if he could glean further information. While the gentleman reported the problem, he is not logging every occasion. He was encouraged to log every incident to help the police build up a pattern of behaviour.

Meeting re-convened

CE/05/20 – 2019 Christmas Street Party (MTC Events and Promotions Officer, Kayleigh Collyer)

A report on the success of the 2019 Christmas Street Party was provided to the committee. In summary the ideology of the event remains extant: the primary purpose of the event is for families and children. Various changes will be made to this year's event including additional marshals, new longer barriers to stop bikes breaking the cordon and more lighting and stalls in both the Market Square and part of Knockhundred Row. A number of stalls had not turned up and it is intended to develop paperwork that seeks a commitment to the event. MTC hope to get more local groups and clubs involved. It is anticipated that the event will run to budget.



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19:50: Cllr Sutton and Cllr Morley arrived.

CE/06/20 – 75th Anniversary of VE Day

It has not been possible to comply with the committee's motion to arrange the 1940's tea party and dance at the Memorial Hall on North Street because the car park will still be required by the SDNPA and the Memorial Hall is restricted to 100 people. Discussions are on-going with the Cowdray Estate to arrange a joint event based at the ruins, which will run from midday to 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Cowdray have intimated that we can have a space at the Ruins free of charge. This will involve a marquee, provided by the Cowdray free of charge, for refreshments, while a band, part of the Burgess Hill Marching Band, will play music form the period. In addition, the Midhurst Community Choir have agreed to sing.

It has been recommended that three trees be planted in celebration of this event: One from MTC, one from Easebourne and one from Cowdray. The cost of the trees is hoped to be covered from a CDC grant whose grant's committee has agreed to offer each parish the opportunity to apply for a grant of £230 towards VE75 commemorations. It had been agreed that MTC would provide £500 towards VE75, with Easebourne Parish Council agreeing to provide £200.

CE/07/20 – Planters for North Street

A report was provided on the three quotations received for the Cor-Ten steel planters.

Resolution: Quotation from company one, Passion for Pots, was accepted due to the cost and the lead time.

Proposed: Cllr Lintott, seconded Cllr Smallman, four agreed and Cllr Morley abstained.

CE/08/20 – Northern Gateway

Cllr Sutton has been in conversation with a local welder that will cut the sculpture with a laser in Cor-Ten steel. It is estimated that the size of the sculpture will be roughly 30 feet by 15 feet. The committee agreed that this needs to be measured properly. Once the committee have the correct dimensions a costing will be sought.

It was noted that planning permission maybe required. Concern was raised about mounting the sculpture: there are utility services under this area, which may negate the possibility of driving poles into the ground to secure the sculpture. Alternatively, it maybe possible to attach the sculpture to the stag lights; the poles would need to be stress tested.

CE/09/20 – Street Furniture – Sign Posts

It was recommended that the finger posts be replaced rather than refurbished because the finger post outside the old courthouse had been refurbished and is flaking. The Assistant Clerk is seeking quotations.

A business case is required comparing the cost of refurbishment and replacement.

CE/10/20 – Midhurst, Petworth and Fernhurst Crime Reduction Forum (MPFCRF)

A summary of last week's Crime Reduction Forum was provided to the committee, who are concerned about Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in the Town. PCSO Jack Keen is attending between 22:30 and midnight to see if he can observe such behaviour but to date had seen no ASB. It will take time for PCSO Jack Keen to build up a picture of the town and for those causing ASB to be aware of a police presence. It was agreed that social media and parish magazines should be used to draw parents' attention to ASB. This will send a message from MTC that such behaviour is not acceptable.



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CE/11/20 - Matters of Report

Cllr Sutton noted that following Cllr Knight's resignation, there was no one to lead on this year's spring clean-up. Cllr Smallman agreed to take up the mantle, which would happen on a Sunday in April. Cllr Smallman agreed to liaise with Graham Pooley.

There being no further business the Meeting was closed at 8:30pm.

Date:

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Chairman