



Midhurst Town Council

**A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 12th OCTOBER 2020 AT 7:30pm
BY VIDEO CONFERENCE DUE TO COVID-19.**

MINUTES

Present: Cllr G. Upjohn, Cllr C. Lintott, Cllr J. Sutton, Cllr R. Watts, Cllr D. Smallman, Cllr A. Procter
Officer: Julian Quail, Assistant Town Clerk
Also Present: Melanie Kite, Town Clerk and the Press

CE/74/20 – Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr M. Purves and Cllr S. Morley (Internet problems, unable to attend).

CE/75/20 - Declarations of Interest

None declared.

CE/76/20 – Matters Arising from the Minutes of 14th September 2020

CE/71/20 – Events – Christmas Street Party: Cllr Lintott clarified that the late-night opening for shops in Midhurst will start on Thursday 19th November and continue every Thursday until Christmas. MTC formally support these events.

CE/77/20 – Public Participation

No members of the public were present.
Meeting re-convened.

CE/78/20 – COVID 19

Following the announcement by the Prime Minister, that the new Covid 19 system is split into three alert levels - medium, high and very high, Cllr Lintott informed the committee that GU29 is classified as medium risk. It was noted that the Midhurst Angel's phone is active. Their telephone number is **07538 839703**. It was agreed that MTC should reinforce the Government's regulations on their Facebook page.

CE/79/20 – Policing in Midhurst

The Assistant Town Clerk and Cllr Jeffries are due to hold a Zoom meeting with a representative from the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioners Office towards the end of November. The committee members were asked to provide the Assistant Clerk with issues or questions they wish to be raised.

CE/80/20 – Civic Activities and Rural Amenities

Northern Gateway - Cllr Sutton reported that she was due to hold a further meeting with the working group to progress the ideas put forward. Following discussions with a representative from SDNPA, it has been decided to resurrect the original idea of a brick and stone base with a Cor-Ten steel design on top. The SDNPA representative has provided information regarding the company they used for their Cor-Ten Steel sign. The different options are being reviewed and will be presented to Full Council in November.

Hanging Baskets – The summer flowers will be removed shortly and replaced with winter flowering displays.



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Update from the Cemetery Working Party – Cllr Watts explained that the project was making steady progress. He is due to contact the list of local funeral directors shortly. Cemetery fees for interment are being reviewed.

Riverwalk Project – Update from Cllr Watts. He is due to meet with the Chair of Easebourne Parish Council to discuss the project further. Design graphics will be forwarded to Lord Cowdray for his approval.

Remembrance Sunday – Due to Government guidelines Chichester District Council were unable to issue any temporary road closures. The committee wish to have a better understanding of the plans by the RBL for the laying of wreaths. MTC's Silent Soldier will again be sited at the Northern Gateway.

Action: The Assistant Town Clerk to liaise with the RBL and establish their preferred way of laying the 2020 wreaths.

CE/81/20 – Budget Monitoring

The current financial position was noted. It was agreed that the committee already had a number of large projects over the next 2 years and though it best not to progress any more for the time being.

CE/82/20 – Events

2020 Christmas Street Party – It is unlikely that MTC will be able, in the current circumstances, to hold their traditional Christmas Street Party this year. It was suggested that in support of the late-night shopping the Stilt Walker be invited to hand leaflets around advertising the late-night shopping dates and that if the Salvation Army are willing, to play on the first evening. The TTCIC will be asked if this is something they wish to support.

Covid 19 – Ideas for events were discussed which could possibly be held in the Market Square.

Action: The Assistant Town Clerk to contact the Salvation Army.

Christmas Lights – The Assistant Town Clerk is liaising with the traders in Red Lion Street for extending the Christmas lights-up this area of town. He is waiting for the written consent from some of the shops.

Christmas Shop Window 'Competition' - All shops in Midhurst are welcome to dress their window in a festive manner and will be asked to forward photographs so they can be put on the MTC Facebook page. Windows will be judged by the Town Council and prizes awarded.

CE/83/20 - Matters of Report

None.

There being no further business the Meeting was closed at 8.35pm.

Signed:.....
Chairman

Date.....