



# Midhurst Town Council

**A Meeting of The Midhurst Town Council, took place  
on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 7:00pm in The Midhurst Town Council Office, The Old  
Library, Knockhundred Row, Midhurst**

## MINUTES

**Present:** Cllr C. Lintott (Lady-Chairman), Cllr D. Coote, Cllr L. Jeffries, Cllr G. McAra, Cllr A. Procter, Cllr M Purves, Cllr M. Richardson, Cllr J. Sutton, Cllr J. Travers, Cllr Upjohn, Cllr R. Watts

**Officer:** Melanie Kite, Town Clerk

Also present: County Councillor K. O’Kelly and Mrs P. McCullough (Vision representative) and the Press

Vice chair Cllr Sutton chaired the meeting due to the chairman, Cllr Lintott, being unable to connect to the meeting.

**C/127/20 – Chairman’s Announcements** – The Chairman reminded Members that the meeting was being recorded for the sole purpose of the Clerk’s Minutes, and that normal code of conduct applies.

**C/128/20 - Apologies for Absence** –, Cllr Morley, Cllr Smallman

**C/129/20 - Declarations of Interest** – None declared at this time.

**C/130/20 - Public Participation Session** -Adjournment of the meeting for public questions.

**130.1 - Update from Midhurst Vision Group;** Mrs P. McCullough, Positive response from the stakeholders on the Interim Strategy and Two-Year Action. These will be circulated to all interested parties once they have been collated and discussed. The key objectives will be circulated to inform other groups of what the Vision is doing and to check if there is any overlap.  
Working with the Town Team and Business Network on preparations for Christmas late night shopping.

7:10pm Cllr Lintott entered meeting.

**130.2 – Update from Midhurst Tourism;** Mrs P. McCullough  
‘Visit Chichester’ is rebranding as ‘The Great Sussex Way’. This is to represent the towns and villages in the district more rather than having the emphasis on Chichester. There will be a soft launch with three online events in November; the first will be for the media on 19<sup>th</sup> November where they will be highlighting all of the towns. As part of this they have plans to film in Midhurst.

Mrs McCullough was asked by District Cllr McAra if she knew if this information had been announced by Chichester District Council yet as the Press were present at this Council meeting.

Meeting reconvened.

**C/131/20 - Minutes of the Previous Meeting** – These were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020.



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Proposed Cllr Rev. Coote, seconded Cllr Purves, Cllrs Procter and Jeffries abstained due to not having attended. Eight agreed.

**C/132/20 - Matters Arising from those Minutes** – No matters were raised.

**C/133/20 – Co-option** – Mr. Nigel Yeo was unable to attend the meeting. Mr Yeo’s personal statement had been previously circulated and some council members had met him.

Proposed Cllr Procter, seconded Cllr Rev. Coote, Abstentions from Cllr Upjohn and McAra. Motion carried.

Mr. Yeo was co-opted onto the council. Acceptance of Office will be signed at a later date with the Clerk.

There is still one vacancy for a councillor. A new advertisement and more information explaining the role of a councillor will be done.

Following a comment by Cllr Upjohn it was categorically confirmed that proper procedures for co-option had been followed for all previously co-opted councillors.

## **C/134/20 - Report from County and District Councillors**

West Sussex County Councillor Kate O’Kelly; report previously circulated, and attached. Points mentioned were:

- Covid
- Green Grants - The Government have launched its Green Homes Grant scheme.
- Electric Vehicle Partnership - WSCC have formed a partnership with nearly all the Districts and Boroughs to roll out a concessionary contract to deliver and market a network across West Sussex.
- SDNPA have launched a small grants scheme
- Emergency cycling scheme - Chichester

Following a question on social care County Cllr O’Kelly said that this remains a massive part of the county’s work. The budget for this area is one of the largest and is being increased.

Chichester District Councillor Gordon McAra. Report previously circulated and attached. Points mentioned:

- Eighty new business start-ups in the district in July
- The Covid Recovery Grants scheme was launched on 20 August and continue to be available.
- The Council had received compliments from customers and businesses regarding the support and service they have received during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- All working-age recipients of the Council’s Council Tax Reduction (CTR) scheme had been awarded up to £150 in accordance with the Hardship Fund.
- The Government’s proposals to reform the planning system will have little impact on the National Park area.
- Cllr McAra had met with the parks and green space manager at St Ann’s Hill to outline Midhurst Town Council’s general concern about the continuous loss of the outline and views from Midhurst Castle.

Questions taken:

The return of the Community Yellow Bus will be discussed next week in conjunction with the opening of Sainsbury’s store.



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**C/135/20 - Finance, Asset and Policy Committee** –Minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020 were approved by the committee and adopted by Council.

Proposed Cllr Lintott, seconded Cllr McAra, all agreed.

**C/136/20 - Planning and Infrastructure Committee** – The Minutes of 28<sup>th</sup> September were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Proposed Cllr Upjohn, seconded Cllr Lintott, unanimously approved.

Adopted by Council.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October will be approved by the committee at the next Planning meeting.

**C/137/20 - Community and Environment Committee** – The Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October will be approved by the committee at the next C&E meeting.

**C/138/20 - Reports from Outside Meetings** – There were no updates to report.

**C/139/20 – Matters of Report –**

Cllr Rev. Coote informed the Members that King and Drury developers will be re-instating the verge and planting a tree outside the new housing development.

Remembrance Sunday parade and laying of wreaths will not take place this year. There will be invitations to the church service and the wreaths will be laid by the Royal British Legion.

Cllr McAra - The District Council has given £500,000 in grants to businesses in Midhurst who have been socially or economically affected by the COVID pandemic. A second tranche is now available.

**C/126/20 - Date of Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7pm.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 7:58pm.

Signed:.....

Dated.....

Chairman