



Midhurst Town Council

**A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 12th JULY 2021 IN THE MIDHURST TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE, THE
OLD LIBRARY, KNOCKHUNDRED ROW, MIDHURST AT 7:30PM**

MINUTES

Present: Cllr M. Purves (Chairman), Cllr G. Upjohn, Cllr C. Lintott, Cllr J. Sutton, Cllr R. Watts, Cllr D. Smallman and Cllr A. Procter

Officer: Julian Quail Assistant Town Clerk

Also Present: Jess Brown-Fuller, Events and Promotions Officer and Cllr D. Fraser

CE/054/21 - Apologies for Absence – Cllr Yeo.

CE/055/21 - Declarations of Interest - None declared.

CE/056/21 - Approve the Minutes of Meeting Held on 14th June 2021

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting, with the following amendment: The action from CE/051/21 - Civic Activities and Rural Amenities - Carron Lane - Donate a Tree and Traffic Loops, stated that Cllr Yeo would liaise with Michael Dare re white lines and traffic loops on the approach to Carron Lane recreation ground. This was not the case. MTC did not authorise the installation of traffic loops.

Proposed Cllr Sutton, seconded Cllr Lintott, all agreed with the exception of Cllr Procter who abstained.

CE/057/21 – Public Participation – adjournment of meeting

There was no public participation.

Meeting Reconvened

CE/058/21 - Policing in Midhurst

Crime Reduction Forum – Cllr Yeo provided a written report for the committee, which, amongst other things, mentioned that the current chair of the Midhurst, Petworth & Fernhurst Crime Reduction Forum wished to step down and suggested that a member of MTC take up the chair.

Action: The Assistant Town Clerk to write to Colin Hughes, the current chair of the Midhurst, Petworth & Fernhurst Crime Reduction Forum, and advise him that MTC are happy for responsibility to revert to MTC.

CE/059/21 – Civic Activities and Rural Amenities

Northern Gateway – Cllr Sutton explained that she had yet to receive the proposed costings for a new sign. It was proposed and agreed that the draft planting design should be progressed.

Performing artists open stage at the Market Square on Sunday afternoons - Cllr Fraser provided a written proposal for an open stage for all types of artists in the Market Square on Sunday afternoons from 13:30 to 15:30. This could involve all kinds of artists from actors to musicians. The initial thoughts involved the formation of a working group to undertake a feasibility study. The committee felt that



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further information was required, as the costs and the associated liabilities were unknown, before a working group is formed.

Action: Cllr Fraser to gather further information for the committee to consider in September.

Planters, Petersfield Road – Cllr Lintott reiterated that the five planters on Petersfield Road had been moved temporarily to Carron Lane following instructions from WSCC Highways. It is hoped that following a positive application to WSCC Highways, the planters will be reinstalled on Petersfield Road in one month's time. It is very important that the public support this application, if they wish to see them reinstalled. It was noted that County Councillor Kate O'Kelly has agreed to support our application.

Action: All Councillors to encourage the public to support this application.

CE/060/21 – Actions

The actions were provided to the committee before the meeting, who reviewed those that were outstanding. A number were closed and a revised table is attached to the minutes indicating the latest progress.

CE/061/21 – Events

Skatejam - Plans for the Skatejam are in place, including a risk assessment, St John's Ambulance and toilet facilities in the Guide Hut. The Guides are planning on attending and setting up a stall. In addition, the sweet shop Sweet Memories, De Luca's Ice Cream and Yummeez burger bar were planning on attending. The event has been advertised on MTC's and on Maverick's social media channels and also in the Sussex Local publication. Realising that the target market doesn't necessarily follow Midhurst Town Council on Facebook, the Events Officer has engaged directly with skaters at the Carron Lane skatepark. Pro-tec are providing a quote for marshals, who will be based at the bottom of Carron Lane to discourage people from driving up to the carpark, which will be closed. To help alleviate this issue Tandem have agreed to shuttle people from the Grange Car Park to the event.

Markets - Two markets have been held so far, with a few teething problems such as timing issues, which was expected. MTC are working with the market operators to get the right balance of stalls on the market square and making sure it appeals to every shopper. Feedback from visitors to the market have been largely positive and residents seem delighted that the space is being used. An exit survey will be held in the next fortnight which will report the findings at the September C&E meeting. In addition, the Country Brocante monthly market is hoping to return one Friday a month starting next month.

Summer Street Party - The plans for the summer street party continue to progress. A flier has been taken round to all local businesses to encourage engagement with the project. Pro-tec are providing a quote for marshals but that will not be enough with the amount of road closures in place. As such, councillors are encouraged to volunteer.

Action: Councillors encouraged to contact the Events Officer and volunteer one hour for the road closures.

Season of Culture - The Events Officer has been working with CDC with their Season of Culture team 2022 to celebrate culture across the entire district. It is a work in progress but MTC hope to report some interesting projects coming next year.



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Social Media - Last week posts on social media reached over 5,000 people and had 1,851 engagements, which means it's been clicked on to read. The video of our Chairman, Cllr Lintott, was very popular. All Councillors are encouraged to follow this example and post a video. The events Officer will help if required.

CE/062/21 - Matters of Report

Cllr Upjohn was concerned about the state of the land from North Mill Bridge to the bus station and hoped that Cowdray will tend it.

Cllr Sutton was very concerned about Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) at Heathfield Park, which had impacted on local residents for a number of weeks now. It was noted that those who had contacted the police had been subject to malicious vandalism. However, it is important that every occurrence of ASB should continue to be reported.

Cllr Sutton mentioned the need for the town to start planning for fast charging electric points for electric cars. It was noted that the one charging point in the Memorial Hall carpark was fast, but the two in North Street carpark were much slower. This issue will be passed to the Planning committee to consider.

Cllr Sutton also noted that she was concerned about the speed with which cars are mounting the pavement in Egmont Muse to avoid larger vehicles.

Following the approach from a member of the public to Cllr Sutton, it was agreed that the lack of a recycling bin at Carron Lane recreation ground should be discussed at the September C&E meeting.

There being no further business the Meeting was closed at 8.55pm.

Signed:.....
Chairman

Date.....