



Midhurst Town Council

**A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 11th APRIL 2022 IN THE MIDHURST TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE, THE OLD
LIBRARY, KNOCKHUNDRED ROW, MIDHURST AT 7:30PM**

MINUTES

Present Cllr N. Yeo, Cllr C. Lintott, Cllr G. Upjohn, Cllr D. Smallman and Cllr L. Jeffries

Officer: Julian Quail. Assistant Town Clerk

Also: Sharron Hurr, Town Clerk and RFO and Jess Brown-Fuller, Events Officer

CE/036/22 - Apologies for Absence – Cllr A. Procter, Cllr J. Sutton and Cllr R. Watts

CE/037/22 - Declarations of Interest - None

CE/038/22 – Public Participation – adjournment of meeting

Cllr McAra spoke about the increased amount of dog fouling that is occurring around Midhurst, especially in the Old Town. CDC are aware of the situation. It was noted that a Civil Enforcement Officer can issue an enforcement fine. It was suggested that the following action be taken: Contact local vets to ask if they can help, articulate the concern via Midhurst Matters and other social media. Educate, Encourage and enforce is the key strapline. It was agreed that CDC should be contacted to enact evening civil enforcement.

Action: Assistant Town Clerk to write to CDC to request a meeting to help resolve this issue.

Meeting Reconvened.

CE/039/22 - Approve the Minutes of Meeting Held on 14th March 2022

The Minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr Jeffries, seconded Cllr Smallman, unanimously agreed.

CE/040/22 – Matters Arising from the minutes of 14th March 2022

None.

CE/041/22 – Events

MTC Monthly Market: The first monthly market was a great success. It was agreed that signage to and from the Market Square to the Old Library needs improving. A further banner will be ordered to guide people to the Old Library for the Artisan market. In addition, additional A-boards will be obtained and located around the town, directing people to both the Old Library and the market. This will be financed from the profit from the stall holders. Additional traders are still required for the Old Library Artisan market. A road closure is being sought for Church Hill for the May market (7 May 2022), which will allow for the market to expand.

Easter Trail: The free family Easter trail is underway and residents have been invited to take part by following clues in the town. This involves finding the ten bunnies, each of which holds a letter to collect. When unscrambled, this reveals the name of the Easter Bunny. It is a circular walk around the town that can be undertaken during this week. Residents can then collect an Easter egg, or raisins for the health conscious, from the Old Library on either Thursday 14 April or Easter Monday 18 April. This



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event has been publicised on social media and will hopefully be promoted in the Midhurst and Petworth Observer this Thursday. In addition, the details of the event have been sent to local primary schools.

Annual Town Meeting (ATM): The ATM will be held on Thursday 12 May 2022 and begins at 7.00pm.

MTC Skate Jam: This years MTC Skate Jam will take place on Sunday 15 May 2022 between 12:00 and 4pm at the Carron Lane Recreation Ground. It was noted that Carron Lane will be closed to all traffic. A poster advertising the event has been shared on social media and sent to some of the regular skateboarders. Feedback to date suggests that there will be more women attending and skating this year.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee: The Queen's Platinum Jubilee will be held from Thursday 2 June to Sunday 5 June. On the Thursday MTC will be lighting a metal beacon in the evening. On the Saturday, 4 June 2022, MTC, EPC and Cowdray Estate will join forces to deliver a celebration at the Cowdray Ruins. This will involve refreshments, a stage with local acts, plus fairground rides. On the Sunday, it is hoped that individual street parties will be held in Midhurst. Plans for the event are coming together with quite a few community groups coming forward to take part in the celebrations. It is being publicised as a Jubilee Picnic, so people feel they can bring their own food and drink. It was agreed that MTC would have a stall to provide information on the day and advice to local residents. It will also act as the point of contact for any lost children.

Midhurst Matters: Midhurst matters will be distributed at the end of April.

Sustainability Day: Sustainability Day will be held on 10 July 2022 at Carron Lane Recreation Ground. This fantastic event will see engagement from across the district with music and fun for all the family, including UK Harvest giving away food samples, Sussex Green Living's 'Bright New Future' Roadshow and Sussex Green Boutique will be selling and demonstrating zero waste cleaning products. In addition, Cowdray Estate will be demonstrating how they manage sustainability.

Jubilee Tree Planting: Alongside MTC, local community groups and local organisations have expressed an interest in planting a tree to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The plan is that we all join together to plant a Jubilee copse. The current thinking is that this be placed at the Carron Lane Recreation Ground in the form of a semi-circle. This will create a calming space to aid mental health and wellbeing. Each tree will be fitted with a dog collar around the trunk with an engraved tag, specifying the genus of the tree, when it was planted and what community group donated it. It was noted that two or more community groups could combine to buy a tree. It was agreed that the cost of each tree could cost up to £200 to ensure that MTC purchase well established species.

CE/042/22 – Civic Activities and Rural Amenities

Real Time Passenger Information System (RTPI) Business Case - Cllr Upjohn provided an update on this project. There are three options. The issue of power supply has yet to be resolved. There is the option of a battery powered RTPI. It is understood the battery will last circa 6 years. It is understood that planning permission is not required.

CE/043/22 – Actions

The actions were provided to the committee before the meeting, who reviewed those that were outstanding.

CE/044/22 - Matters of Report

The Town Clerk informed the committee that her current focus is on end of the year accounts and associated internal and external audits.

There being no further business the Meeting was closed at 8.20pm.



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Signed:.....
Chairman

Date.....