



Midhurst Town Council

**A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 13th JUNE 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 D. Smallman, Cllr J. Sutton, Cllr A. Procter and Cllr G. Upjohn

Officer: Julian Quail. Assistant Town Clerk

Also: Sharon Hurr, Town Clerk and RFO, and two members of the public.

CE/055/22 – Election of Chairman of Community and Environment 2022 – 2023

The Clerk invited nominations for the role of Chairman. Cllr Yeo was nominated by Cllr Lintott and seconded by Cllr Sutton and there being no other nominations, Cllr Yeo was duly elected as Chairman for 2022-23.

CE/056/22 – CE/055/22 – Election of Vice Chairman of Community and Environment 2022 – 2023

Cllr Sutton nominated Cllr Smallman, seconded by Cllr Procter and there being no other nominations, Cllr Smallman was duly elected as Vice Chairman for 2022-23.

CE/057/22 – Apologies for Absence – Cllr R. Watts and Cllr L. Jeffries

CE/058/22 - Declarations of Interest - None

CE/059/22 – Public Participation – adjournment of meeting

The members of the public present did not speak.

Meeting Reconvened.

CE/060/22 - Approve the Minutes of Meeting Held on 9th May 2022

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

CE/061/22 – Matters Arising from the minutes of 9th May 2022

None.

CE/062/22 – Events

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations: It was all agreed that the celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee had been hugely successful. It is believed that some 300 plus, people attended the beacon lighting, while 2,000 people attended the celebration at the Cowdray Ruins on the Saturday. Some social media feedback had cited a lack of bunting around the town compared to Petworth and Haslemere. The Clerk explained that this was because of a historical accident when a banner had fallen down on North Street, hitting traffic. It was noted that North Street is a very busy and wide A road compared to Petworth. In addition, financial issues negated applying for permission to hang bunting on the lampposts. To do so, would entail arranging stress testing, the cost of which would fall to the people of Midhurst through the precept. It was deemed prohibitively expensive to achieve this goal. It was noted that Haslemere is much larger than Midhurst and has a much larger precept.



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Cllr Yeo thanked all concerned in their endeavours to make this a successful event. Special thanks were given to the Clerk, Events Officer, Assistant Clerk and Groundsman.

MTC Monthly Market: The next monthly market will be held on 2nd July. Unfortunately, neither the Events Officer nor the Assistant Town Clerk is available on this day. Additional assistance will be necessary to help the Clerk in the Old Library, first thing in the morning and after the market has finished.

The Big PickNic: Sustainability and the environment is at the forefront of the populations' agenda and Midhurst Town Council seek to keep the conversation moving with a 'Sustainability Day' to be held on Carron Lane Recreation Ground on Sunday 10th July 2022. This will include a brand-new Eco Roadshow from Sussex Green Living, information stalls from Food Waste heroes, zero waste cleaning products and a range of stalls selling sustainable clothing and homewares, this is a not-to-be missed family fun day. Marshals are required and all councillors are encouraged to contact the Events Office to volunteer.

MTC Skate Jam: This year's postponed MTC Skate Jam will take place on Sunday 16th July 2022 between 12:00 and 4pm at the Carron Lane Recreation Ground. It was noted that Carron Lane will be closed to all traffic. Marshals are required and all councillors are encouraged to contact the Events Officer to volunteer.

Summer Street Party: After the success of the Summer Street Party in 2021, Midhurst Town Council are holding another one on Saturday 27th August as part of the MADhurst Music Arts & Drama celebrations. Road closures will be in place along Knockhundred Row, West Street and around Market Square and there will be fun for all ages, including a main stage full of fantastic entertainment, fairground rides and stalls from local businesses.

Action: Events Officer to provide a yearly planner for all events to allow councillors to plan events into their diary.

CE/063/22 – Policing in Midhurst

The Town Clerk attended the recent Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) Focus Group at the Old Library in Midhurst. The event was run by Mandy Jameson, Senior Communications Manager for Katy Bourne (PCC). It was well attended from various parishes and focussed on Anti-Social Behaviour and increased amounts of graffiti.

Action: Assistant Clerk to liaise with Mandy Jamerson to obtain formal feedback from the PCC Focus Group.

CE/064/22 – Civic Activities and Rural Amenities

Real Time Passenger Information System (RTPI) Business Case: Cllr Upjohn provided the committee with an update. Cllr Upjohn has been liaising with Liz Robbins – WSCC Team Leader, ITS and Traffic Monitoring. Additional information about certain costs is still outstanding. Unfortunately, due to excessive workload, Cllr Upjohn is still awaiting information from Liz Robbins. It was suggested that Cllr Upjohn contact the manufacturers direct to obtain the necessary information.

Action: Cllr Upjohn to liaise with the RTPI manufacturers to obtain costs for installation of an RTPI.



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Dog Fouling: MTC is aware of the increased amount of dog fouling that is occurring around Midhurst, especially in the Old Town. CDC are also aware of the situation. It was noted that a Civil Enforcement Officer can issue enforcement fines. It was suggested that social media be used to Educate, Encourage and Enforce. A list of bins has been obtained from CDC and investigated by Cllr Yeo and Cllr Watts. It was suggested that three of the bins be moved. Cllr Yeo had joined CDC's Green Dog Walkers initiative. Concern about the amount of dog fouling near the Midhurst Primary School had been shared with the Headmistress, who supports MTC's initiative. Cllr Yeo had also been in contact with Keep Britain Tidy and obtained a quote for some additional signs. Thirty new signs would cost £105 (ex VAT). It was proposed and agreed that this money be found from the precept and the signs ordered. Proposed Cllr Lintott, seconded Cllr Procter, unanimously agreed.

Action: Assistant Clerk to order the additional dog fouling signs.

Planters on Petersfield Road: Cllr Yeo has spoken to both Marmaduke's and Carpet 1st regarding the moving of the two planters at Carron Lane to Petersfield Road. Both shops were grateful for the consultation. It was proposed and agreed that the two planters are moved when the Autumn/Winter flowers are provided.

Action: Assistant Clerk to liaise with Windowflowers to move the two planters on Carron Lane to Petersfield Road.

CE/065/22 – Actions

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

CE/066/22 - Matters of Report

Both Cllr Procter and Cllr Smallman informed the committee that they would provide plants for The Big PickNic.

Cllr Upjohn noted that the school children who alight the bus at the beginning of Petersfield Road are prone to drop litter because there is no litter bin available.

Action: Assistant Clerk to liaise with CDC Enforcement Officers to arrange for them to help with the problem of litter.

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

Signed:.....
Chairman

Date.....