



# Midhurst Town Council

**A Meeting of the Community and Environment Committee  
took place at 7.35pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022 in the  
Midhurst Town Council offices,  
The Old Library, Knockhundred Row, Midhurst**

## MINUTES

**Present** Cllr N. Yeo, Cllr C. Lintott, Cllr L. Jeffries. Cllr R Watts, Cllr D Merritt, Cllr J Sutton and Cllr G. Upjohn

**Officer:** Sharon Hurr, Clerk

**CE/092/22 – Chairman’s Announcements:** None.

**CE/093/22 – Apologies for Absence –** Cllr A. Procter and Cllr D. Smallman

**CE/094/22 - Declarations of Interest - To receive from Member’s declarations of Pecuniary and non-Pecuniary interests in relation to any items included on the agenda for this meeting in accordance with The Localism Act 2011 and the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012:** None

**CE/095/22 - Minutes of Last Meeting-** The minutes of meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022, had been adopted at the postponed full Council meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

**CE/096/22 - Matters Arising from the Minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022 - To consider matters arising from the minutes that are not on the agenda:** None.

**CE/097/22 – Public Participation:** No members of the public were present.

Meeting Reconvened.

### **CE/098/22 – Events Update**

**Monthly Farmers and Artisan Market:** The Clerk reported that market was progressing well, with the October market having the highest number of stall holders to date.

**Jumble Trail 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022:** The Clerk explained that this had gone very well considering it had been postponed due to it originally having been planned during the ten days of mourning for the late Queen Elizabeth II and the weather had been inclement. The Old Library was used for some stall holders as a rearranged offering and unwanted Town Council items had been sold for £130. A similar event would be planned for 2023.

**2022 Christmas Street Party:** The Clerk iterated that this year’s Christmas Street party will be held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and plans were progressing well. Stall holders were being offered a ‘package’, to have a pitch at both the street party and market to ensure the December market was well stocked for residents and visitors.



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## **CE/099/22 – Policing in Midhurst**

Cllr Yeo reported that a meeting of the Policing Liaison Group had taken place which was well supported by the public agencies but less so by the other agencies. The meeting agreed that the work completed at the Holmbush Recreation Ground (improvement to fencing, removal of rotunda, replacement of bins and removal of vegetation by the Midhurst Green Volunteers to allow natural surveillance) had improved the use of location and the ground was being used more for appropriate purposes by those for whom it was attended and there was also with a reduction in litter. Carron Lane and North Street car park continues to be satisfactory in terms of appropriate use.

Cllr Yeo confirmed that the police service had reported that in the rolling 12-month period to the end of August, almost all crime types in Midhurst had reduced – with the most obvious exception being the wide category of "public place violent crime" which had been suppressed the previous year by the lock downs and therefore an increase in this type of crime was not unexpected.

Cllr Yeo further reported that the police service had stated that many Police Community support Officers (PCSOs) were becoming warranted officers citing one in-take of 90 PCSOs had only 15 remaining in that role. The PCSOs attending the Policing Liaison Group remain very committed to local policing.

## **CE/100/22 – Civic Activities and Rural Amenities**

**Real Time Passenger Information System (RTPI):** Cllr Upjohn was continuing to liaise with had been liaising with Liz Robbins - WSCC Team Leader, ITS and Traffic Monitoring, particularly in regard to the potential funding and confirmed he would document the work undertaken to date.

**Bins:** Cllr Yeo is reported that the dog-waste bin at South Pond will be replaced by a general bin, and the dog-wate bin near the amenity tip entrance could be moved to the layby. It was considered that any relevant costs would be borne by Chichester District Council and confirmation of this was being sought.

**Northern Gateway:** Cllr Sutton reported that a site meeting with Tara Signs, and Broadrange Services the contractor which will clear the site of the current flower bed and set the concrete base for the sign, had taken place. Currently it is envisaged that work will begin week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

## **CE/101/22 – Fairtrade Town Status**

Cllr Yeo reported that he had undertaken some further research on this proposal and established that there were 2,000 towns with Fairtrade status worldwide, with 600 of those within the UK. To achieve status it was required that at least two traders stocked two Fairtrade products within the town, that Fairtrade products were used by the Town Council and that the Council supported an application for Fairtrade status. It was agreed that Cllr Yeo would attend a meeting of the Business Network to moot this proposal in the first instance and invite Johnny Culley who had approached the Town Council to consider application for Fairtrade status to attend with him to give a short presentation.

**Action:** Cllr Yeo to arrange with Mr Culley for them to seek an invitation to a Business Network meeting.

## **CE/102/22 – Flowers 2023/24**

Following a short discussion, it was agreed to considered this matter again at the next meeting.



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## **CE/103/22 – Actions**

- Cllr Upjohn will continue to work on the Real Time Passenger Information System
- Repair of pedestrian gate leading to the play park at Carron Lane -ongoing.

**CE/104/22 - Matters of Report: (Note: Decisions cannot be made under this item; it is for information only):** None.

There being no further business the Meeting was closed at 8.28pm.

Signed:.....  
Chairman

Date.....