



# Midhurst Town Council

**A meeting of Midhurst Town Council took place on  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7:00pm at the Midhurst Town Council Office,  
The Old Library, Knockhundred Row, Midhurst, GU29 9DQ**

## **MINUTES**

**Present:** Cllr C. Lintott (Chairman), Cllr J. Sutton, Cllr D. Coote, Cllr R. Watts, Cllr D. Smallman, Cllr M. Richardson, Cllr J. Travers, Cllr L. Jeffries, Cllr G. McAra. Cllr A. Procter and Cllr D. Fraser

**Officer:** Julian Quail, Assistant Town Clerk

**In attendance:** County Councillor Kate O'Kelly, Sharon Hurr, Town Clerk and RFO and two members of the public.

**C/111/22 – Chairman's Announcements** - None.

**C/112/22 – Apologies for Absence** - Cllr Upjohn and Cllr Yeo.

**C/113/22 - Declarations of Interest** - None.

Meeting halted for Public Participation Session

### **C/114/22 - Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the annual council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022 were proposed by Cllr Coote, seconded Cllr Richardson, all agreed.

### **C/115/22 - Matters Arising from those Minutes.**

None.

### **C/116/22 - Report from County Councillor Kate O'Kelly**

Report circulated prior to the meeting and noted.

Cllr Lintott noted the ongoing discussions regarding cross border bus planning so that bus services are better planned between West Sussex and Hampshire. The key issue for Midhurst residents is the disconnect with the arrival and departure of the bus service to and from Haselmere train station. Currently, the first bus service arrives just too late to connect with a train that would get anyone to a desk in London at 9am and those returning early evening would miss the last bus to Midhurst. Cllr Lintott asked Cllr O'Kelly to lobby for a change in this disconnect.

A new coffee pod / textiles/ small electrical collection service from CDC has been trialled with local residents, the podback service is moving to a booking service due to be launched on 18 July.

Cllr Coote raised concern about the poor results of health and adult social care within the county, with significant amount of tax payers' money being spent on poor services. Cllr O'Kelly informed the meeting that the Health and Adult Social Care committee had scrutinised the Shaw



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Contract who the County has 12 care homes with. This costs the County £23.5million a year - 5 of the 12 are Rated Inadequate (RI). Things are, however, beginning to improve slowly.

## **C/117/22 - Report from District Councillor Gordon McAra**

Report circulated prior to the meeting and noted.

Cllr Lintott raised concern regarding a current assessment of future off-street parking arrangements in the district and the possibility that free parking in Midhurst may be removed. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next Planning meeting. This discussion will be shared with the Midhurst Vision to ensure continuity of approach.

**Action: Assistant Clerk to amend the next Planning agenda to include a discussion on future off-street parking arrangements in Midhurst**

## **C/118/22 - Public Participation Session**

Philippa McCullough from Midhurst Vision was not present. The Vision report was distributed prior to the meeting and was noted.

**Action: All Councillors to provide Cllr Lintott with views or comments on the latest draft documents from Deacon Design.**

It was noted that the current montage from the Vision indicated that the Greenway cycle path will approach South Street from the north side of South Pond, where in fact it has been agreed that it should be on the south side.

**Action: Cllr Lintott to feed this back to the Midhurst Vision to amend the South Pond montage.**

Ms Brownlow spoke briefly about the Midhurst 'South Street Calmers' Community Highway Scheme (CHS) Application which is lobbying for a reduction in the speed limit on a series of connected roads running from the corner of North Street and Knockhundred Row to the continuation of the A286 towards Chichester. This includes Knockhundred Row, Church Hill/Red Lion Street, South Street and Chichester Road. This CHS application proposes installing speed calming measures within this network of road, specifically a reduction in the speed limit to 20mph.

Cllr Lintott thanked her for her application and precis and opened the meeting to questions. It was noted that this is consistent with the Greenway Project but would involve additional signage and road markings which is a potential distraction to motorists and not conducive to keeping the Old Town free of signage. It was proposed that MTC support this application in principle. Proposed by Cllr Coote, seconded by Cllr Richardson, all agreed, with the exception of Cllr Watts and Cllr Travers who abstained.

**Action: Town Clerk to prepare supporting letter and sign it on behalf of MTC.**

Meeting reconvened.



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## **C/119/22 – Finance, Asset and Policy Committee**

Minutes of 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 were adopted by Council. Proposed by Cllr Procter, seconded by Cllr Watts, all agreed.

## **C/120/22 - Planning and Infrastructure Committee**

Minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022 were adopted by Council. Proposed Cllr McAra, seconded Cllr Fraser, all agreed.

## **C/121/22 - Planning and Infrastructure Committee**

Minutes of 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022 were adopted by Council. Proposed Cllr Watts, seconded Cllr Fraser, all agreed.

## **C/122/22 – Community and Environment Committee**

Minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022 were adopted by Council. Proposed Cllr Sutton, seconded Cllr Procter, all agreed. Cllr Coote thanked the office for all their hard work in organising the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

## **C/123/22 – Co-option**

A personal statement from Jane Hensey had been circulated prior to the meeting. A vote was taken and Mrs Hensey was co-opted onto the council. Proposed Cllr Watts, seconded Cllr Smallman, all councillors agreed and Mrs Hensey was duly co-opted.

## **C/124/22 - Actions**

There are no outstanding actions.

## **C/125/22 - Reports from Outside Meetings**

None

## **C/126/22 - Matters of Report.**

Cllr Richardson reminded everyone of the need to provide any new project business cases or amendments to existing projects in time to review the draft budget in the Autumn.

Cllr Procter took the opportunity to thank the office for all their hard work in delivering the Sustainability Day and the Skatejam.

It was proposed that the meeting go into closed session. Proposed Cllr Lintott, seconded Cllr McAra, all councillors agreed.

**C/127/22 - Date of Next Meeting.** The next meeting will take place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7pm.

Signed:.....

Dated.....

Chairman