



**HAYWARDS HEATH
TOWN COUNCIL**

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To all Councillors,

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend a **MEETING OF HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN COUNCIL** to be held on **Monday 15th July 2024** at the Town Hall in the Council Chamber. 40 Boltro Road commencing at **7.00pm** when the following business will be transacted.

Yours sincerely
Steve Trice
Town Clerk

Before the meeting commences representatives from Glendale Services and Mid Sussex District Council Head of Contracts and Services will give a presentation.

A G E N D A

1. A moment of reflection.
2. To note any apologies for absence.
3. Public Forum - *Members of the public are invited to ask questions or raise issues which are relevant and are the concern of this Council. A period of 15 minutes is allocated for this purpose. Notice of intention to address Council should be given to the Clerk by noon of the day of the meeting.*
4. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 13th May 2024. (pages 3 - 8)
5. To receive Declarations of Interest from Members in respect of any matter on the agenda.
6. To dispose of any business outstanding from the last meeting.
7. To note the Mayoral Engagements and any announcements. (pages 9-10)
8. To receive for noting the resolutions of the following Committees. (pages 11-13)
 - a) Planning Committee held on the 28th May 2024
MINS. 1 – 13
 - b) Planning Committee held on the 17th June 2024
MINS. 14-22

c) Planning Committee held on the 8th July 2024

MINS. 23-31

d) Environment and General Purposes Committee on the 1st July 2024

MINS. 1 – 12

e) Policy and Finance Committee on the 24th July 2024

MINS. 1 – 9

9. To consider the Town Councils position on the Future of Clair Hall (pages 14-16)

10. To consider any urgent items the Mayor has received.

*During this meeting the public are allowed to film the Committee and officers only from the front of the public gallery, providing it does not disrupt the meeting. **Any items in the Exempt Part of the agenda cannot be filmed.** If another member of the public objects to being recorded, the person(s) filming must stop doing so until that member of the public has finished speaking. The use of social media is permitted but all members of the public are requested to switch their mobile devices to silent for the duration of the meeting.*

Town Mayor Cllr Stephanie Inglesfield

Town Clerk Mr Steven Trice

**HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN COUNCIL
ANNUAL MEETING OF HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13th May 2024

Councillors: Abdul Bashar
Nick Chapman
Anne-Marie Cooke
Rachel Cromie**
Sandy Ellis
Stephanie Inglesfield
Barbara King
Anne-Marie Lucraft
Paul Lucraft
Allan Murray
Deanna Nicholson
Alison Rees
Duncan Pascoe
Anthony Platts
Sinead Walsh
Leila Wilson

Apologies Absent***

Also present: Town Clerk and Committee Clerk

The Town Council received a presentation from Good Neighbours CARE.

Mr Bines spoke about the work of the Good Neighbours CARE organisation.

He explained it was a voluntary organisation established in 1983 offering practical help to local residents. Their main activities are transport, shopping and visiting, they are a much needed 'friendly face' to their 600 clients. Mr Bines said new volunteers are always welcome and asked the council to spread the word and help the organisation identify those in need.

The Major and members thanked Mr Bines for his presentation.

1. A Moment of reflection

It was noted that the agenda should have read 'A moment of reflection' not Council Prayer.

Members stood for the moment of reflection, which was led by Town Mayor Cllr Stephanie Inglesfield, including a minutes silence to mark the passing of Reverend Ray Smith former Rector of St Wilfrids Church.

2. Election of Town Mayor for 2024/2025

The Town Clerk asked for nominations for the Town Mayor for the 2024/2025 Council year. There was one nomination for Town Mayor proposed by Cllr Bashar, which was duly seconded by Cllr Wilson and without challenge;

Cllr Inglesfield was the duly declared Town Mayor for the Council year 2024/25. Cllr Inglesfield made her declaration of acceptance of office and signed the declaration of office book.

3. Apologies

Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Cromie.

4. Public Forum

None

5. Appointment of Deputy Town Mayor for 2024/2025

There was one nomination for Deputy Town Mayor proposed by Cllr King, which was duly seconded by Cllr Walsh and without challenge;

Cllr Pascoe was duly declared Deputy Town Mayor for the Council year 2024/25. Cllr Pascoe made his declaration of acceptance of office and signed the declaration of office book.

6. Appointment of the Leader of the Council for 2024/2025

There was one nomination for the Leader of the Council proposed by Cllr Chapman, which was duly seconded by Cllr Rees and without challenge;

Cllr P Lucraft was duly declared as the Leader of the Council for the year 2024/25.

7. Appointment of the Deputy Leader of the Council for 2024/2025

There was one nomination for Deputy Leader of the Council by Cllr AM Lucraft, which was duly seconded by Cllr Bashar and without challenge;

Cllr AM Cooke was duly declared as the Deputy Leader of the Council for the year 2024/25.

8. Committee membership for the 2024/2025

The Town Clerk informed members that he had received pre-prescribed nominations for 2024/2025 Committee Membership, working groups and outside appointments. As a result, to the best of his knowledge he would run through the appointments given to him and would offer the opportunity for others to be nominated. It was then stated that if there were more requests than positions available a vote, by a show of hands.

The following names were put forward and agreed for the Committee membership for the Council year 2024/25 with challenge.

(ii) Environment & General Purposes Committee (8)

N Chapman
A Rees
L Wilson
AM Cooke
D Pascoe
S Inglesfield
D Nicholson
S Ellis

(ii) Planning Committee (8)

S Inglesfield
D Pascoe
A Bashar
B King
N Chapman
A Platts
D Nicholson
A Murray

(iii) Policy & Finance Committee (8)

AM Cooke
S Walsh

P Lucraft
AM Lucraft
A Bashar
A Rees
A Murray
Vacancy

9. To confirm appointments of Committee Chairmen and Vice Chairmen for the Council year 2024/2025.

It was **RESOLVED** that the following Members were appointed as Committee Chairman and Vice Chairman for the Council year 2024/25. Members of the committees stood to confirm the appointments. None of the posts were contested.

- (i) Environment & General Purposes Committee**
Chairman: N Chapman
Vice Chairman: A Rees
- (ii) Planning Committee**
Chairman: S Inglesfield
Vice Chairman: D Pascoe
- (iii) Policy & Finance Committee**
Chairman: AM Cooke
Vice Chairman: S Walsh

10. Membership of the Sub Committees/Working Groups:

It was **RESOLVED** that the following Members would serve on the following Sub Committee Working Groups for the Council year 2024/25.

- (i) Haywards Heath in Bloom (1)
S. Ellis
- (ii) Communications and IT Working Group. (5)
P Lucraft, A Bashar, D Pascoe, S Inglesfield, 1 Vacancy
- (iii) Planning Working Group (5)
Drawn from the Committee when required.
- (iv) Staff Working Party (5)
L Wilson, B King, A Bashar, S Inglesfield, S Ellis
- (v) Chairman's Working Group (5)
S Inglesfield, AM Cooke, N Chapman, Plus leader of the Town Council if required. 1 Vacancy
- (vi) 2024/2025 Working Group (4)
Drawn from the E & GP Committee when required.
- (vii) Environment Working Group (5)
Drawn from the Committee when required.
- (viii) Active Haywards Heath (1)
D Pascoe

11. To confirm Council representatives on the following outside bodies:

It was **RESOLVED** that the following Members would be the representatives on the following outside bodies. None of the posts were contested.

- (i) Mid Sussex Association of Local Councils and West Sussex Association of Local Councils with formal voting rights on behalf of the Town Council. (2)
D Pascoe and A Platts
- (ii) Mid Sussex Association of Town Councils (4)
S Inglesfield, P Lucraft, AM Cooke, A Rees
- (iii) Haywards Heath Twinning Association (1)
A Platts
- (iv) Blunts/Paiges Meadow Reserve and Scrase Valley Reserve (2)
A Rees, B King
- (v) Ashenground and Bolnore Open Spaces Steering Group (2)
S Inglesfield and S Ellis
- (vi) Woodside Pavilion Management Committee (1)
S Walsh
- (vii) Haywards Heath Business Association (1)
A Bashar
- (viii) Haywards Heath Town Team (1)
Vacant
- (ix) Burgess Hill Northern Arc Liaison Group (1)
S Inglesfield
- (x) Mid Sussex Cycle Forum (2)
N Capman, D Pascoe
- (xi) Clair Hall working group (4)
P Lucraft, A Bashar, D Pascoe, S Walsh
- (xii) Bentswood Hub (2)
A Rees, D Pascoe
- (xiii) Mid Sussex Voluntary Action (1)
B King

12. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of pecuniary or other interests.

13. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 8th April 2024, without comment, were taken as read, confirmed as true and duly signed by the Mayor.

14. To Dispose of any Business Outstanding from the Last Meeting.

There was none.

15. Mayor's Engagements and Announcements.

The Mayor presented her list of engagements, which were noted by the Council.

The Mayor thanked the Deputy Mayor for attending the Good Neighbours CARE volunteering morning where he met local resident Molly for a chat and cup of tea. The Deputy Mayor also attended the Dame Vera Lynn Childrens Charity at Lambeth Palace, the Mid Sussex Marathon, joined the Bentswood Youth Club litter pick and attended a special centenary Birthday party at Goldbridge Care Home.

Some highlights from the past month's engagements included.

The annual Haywards Heath Lions Club Good Friday Swimmarathon where almost £20,000 was raised with £10,000 going to the Majors chosen Charity 'Time for Children'.

The Mayor spoke about the very touching event she had attended at the opening of 'Simmo's Café' at haywards Heath Football Club.

The Mayor opened a new display on 'Railway Women' at the Bluebell Railway travelling on the railway and taking part in a BBC interview.

The Mayor met 4 residents celebrating their 100th Birthday at the Goldbridge Care Home and enjoyed listening to their stories from the past, in particular Betty who was one of the 1st women to land in Normandy having been a dancer on board ship.

The mayor also noted the well-attended Annual Town Meeting which took place at the Town Hall on Monday the 29th April, she thanked the ECO for her hard work in organising the first ever Town Council Awards which were well received.

16. To receive and consider adoption of the Minutes of the following Committees:

- (i) Planning Committee - **MINS. 139 - 158**
The reception and adoption of the resolutions of the Planning Committees, dated 15th April 2024 - **Mins 139 – 147** and 7th May 2024 - **Mins 148 – 158** were moved, seconded and agreed without discussion by Council.
- (ii) Environment & General Purposes Committee
The reception and adoption of the resolution of the Environmental and General Purposes Committee dated 22nd April 2024 - **MINS- 64-74** were moved, seconded and agreed without discussion.
- (iii) Policy & Finance Committee
No meeting held since the last meeting of Full Council.

17. Standing Orders and Financial Regulations Annual Review.

The Clerk advised that new Financial Regulations had been published and there had not been time prior to the meeting to review them, he suggested the Council adopt the Standing Orders, and Financial Regulations documents with amendments if required, that are lawful, for the Council year 2024 – 2025 (Subject to review in June)

Members **RESOLVED** to;

Adopt the Town Council's revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations as presented for the 2024/2025 Council year subject to review of the Financial Regulations in June 2024.

18. Code of Conduct

Members noted the report, cognisant that the Local Government Model Code of Conduct had been adopted at the last meeting of the Town Council. Without comment but for good order for internal audit requirements for the 2024/2025 year.

Members **RESOLVED** to;

Adopt the Councillor Code of Conduct as presented.

19. Calendar of Town Council committee meetings for 2024/2025 and start times of meetings.

Members were asked to formally agree the timetable of Council meetings for the next Council year 2024 – 2025 and consider the start time of Standing Committee and Full Council meetings.

Cllr P Lucraft proposed the new start time of 7pm for all Standing Committee and Full Council meetings, seconded by Cllr Ellis. Cllr Chapman wanted confirmation that if there was presentation before a meeting this would start at 7pm and the meeting would follow, he felt to start before 7pm would be too early. This was confirmed. Cllr King was not in favour of the new start time.

With the majority in agreement Members **RESOLVED** to;

- (a) Formally agree the timetable of Council meetings for the next Council year 2024 - 2025.
- (b) Formally agree the start time of Standing Committee and Full Council meetings as 7PM.

20. To consider any urgent items the Major has received.

The Clerk advised the Council that he had met with the new superintendent Imran Asharg along with members of the local Police. The superintendent was agreeable in attending a future council meeting.

21. Members RESOLVED to exclude the public and the press.

The motion was withdrawn and was not debated.

Meeting Closed at 08.15pm

Mayor's Engagements
9 May 2024 – 2 July 2024

On 9th May, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor attended the relaunch of Rok Skool in Haywards Heath.

On 20th May, the Mayor gave a talk to the children from Bolnore Village Primary School.

On 13th May, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor attended the Annual Town Meeting for Haywards Heath, where the Mayor awarded the prizes for the first HHTC Community Awards.

On 14th May, the Mayor attended the 1-year anniversary shop opening event for TaxAssist in South Road, followed by a network meeting for the Haywards Heath Business Association.

On Saturday 18th May, the Mayor attended the Franklands Village 90th Anniversary Opening Exhibition in Franklands Village Hall.

On Sunday 19th May, the Mayor helped open the Haywards Heath Bike Ride, while the Deputy Mayor took part in this annual charity Bike Ride.

On Sunday 26th May, the Deputy Mayor attended the Bentswood Community Fun Day in Barn Cottage Green.

On Sunday 2nd June, the Mayor attended the induction service of Dan Tyler as the Minister for Haywards Heath Baptist Church.

Additionally on Sunday 2nd June, The Mayor and Deputy Mayor attended the Town Council's Spring into Summer community event on Muster Green.

On 6th June, the Deputy Mayor visited the Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity Centre, taking part in the circle time session.

On 6th June, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor joined Councillors, HHTC staff and the community at the D-Day 80th Anniversary Commemorations event in Victoria Park, where the Mayor read the international tribute.

On Saturday 8th June, the Mayor attended the My Choice Children's Charity Summer Fayre for the Firefighters Charity at the Mill Green Business Estate.

On Saturday 8th June, the Deputy Mayor attended the RokSkool launch of the Hereward Kaye Scholarship Fund.

Additionally on the evening of Saturday 8th June, the Mayor attended the Rotary Club's Charter Dinner, where they presented her with a cheque for £300 raised for her charity.

On Sunday 9th June, the Mayor attended a 'Taste of Sussex' luncheon with the Haywards Heath Twinning Association and visitors from the twin town of Bondues.

On the evening of 9th June, the Mayor attended the Showcase for the Haywards Heath branch of Ariel Drama at the Hawth Theatre.

On 11th June, the Mayor and Maria Horne attended the Lieutenancy Briefing at the Town Hall, together with fellow Mayors, Chairmen and P.A's for West Sussex.

Additionally on 11th June, the Mayor attended a Swimathon ceremony with the Haywards Heath Lions where the Mayor's charity was presented with a cheque for £12,000 from the event.

On Friday 14th June to Sunday 16th June, the Mayor attended the Traunstein 30 years of twinning programme of events in Traunstein.

On Saturday 15th June, the Deputy Mayor attended the Haywards Heath Horticultural Society's Summer Show in Centenary Hall and awarded prizes to winners at the event.

On 19th June, the Deputy Mayor attended the Haywards Heath Bike Ride Charity Cheque Presentation Event at the Town Hall.

On 21st June, The Deputy Mayor and Town Clerk joined More Radio's Jack the Lad's Team and took part in the Sussex Monster Mud Run for St Peter & St Jame's Hospice, raising almost £1,000 for the charity.

On Saturday 22nd June, the Mayor attended the Rotary Rocks Charity event at The Orchards.

On the evening of Saturday 22nd June, the Mayor attended the Susse Chorus Summer Concert.

On Sunday 23rd June, the Mayor attended the Grove Garden Charity Summer Open Day.

On 24th June, the Mayor and Town Clerk hosted students from Traunstein at the Town Hall, as part of their twinning trip to Haywards Heath.

On 25th June, the Deputy Mayor attended Oakwood Court Care Home's 'Care Home Open Week' event.

On 27th June, the Mayor attended the Haywards Heath Carers Event at the Town Hall.

On 28th June, the Mayor attended the Mid Sussex STEM Challenge at Borde Hill Garden.

On the evening of the 28th June, the Mayor additionally attended the Final of Haywards Heath's Got Talent at the Haywards Heath Social Club.

On Saturday 29th June, the Mayor attended Walstead Place's 'Celebrating Care Home Open Week' event.

Additionally on Saturday 29th June, the Mayor attended Russettings Care Home's Summer BBQ to tie in with the Care Home Open Week.

On 2nd July, the Mayor and P.A. met with Alzheimer's Society to discuss the Mayor's Charity for 2024-25.

On the evening of 2nd July, the Mayor attended the Girlguiding Sussex Central Awards Evening at the South of England Showground.

Ends

Committee Meeting: Full Council

Report of: Committee Clerk

Date: 15th July 2024

Subject: Minutes of Committee Meetings

Purpose of Report:

1. The purpose of this report is for Members to receive and adopt the resolutions of the Council's standing committees.

Summary:

2. The Town Council is asked to note the decisions (resolutions) of the Council's standing committees as allowed under delegation from Full Council in line with Standing Orders. These resolutions relate to the Planning Committee held on the 28th May 2024 - **Minutes 1-13**, Planning Committee held on the 17th June 2024 - **Minutes 14-22**, and Planning Committee held on the 8th July 2024 - **Minutes 23-31**. Environment and General Purposes Committee held on 1st July 2024 - **Minutes 1-12**. Policy and Finance Committee meeting held 24th June - **Minutes 1-19**.

Members are recommended to;

(a) Note the resolutions of the Council's Standing Committees as laid out under points 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of this report.

3. Planning Committee, 28th May 2024 - **Minutes 1-13 resolutions;**
Nothing to report other than the planning application comments.
4. Planning Committee, 17th June 2024 - **Minutes 14-22 resolutions;**
Nothing to report other than the planning application comments.
5. Planning Committee, 8th July 2024 - **Minutes 23-31 resolutions;**
Nothing to report other than the planning application comments.

6. Environment and General Purposes Committee 1st July 2024 - **Minutes 1-12;**

MIN 6. - Members **RESOLVED** to approve a VE Day event for 2025, budget to be agreed during the budget setting process.

MIN 8. – Members **RESOLVED** to adopt the in-house Environmental Policy and Associated Action Plan.

MIN 9. – Members **RESOLVED** to progress with the creation of a community board for Arts and Culture in Haywards Heath.

MIN 10. - Members **RESOLVED** the expenditure up to £1500 to purchase a new Black metal finger post sign.

7. Policy and Finance Committee 24th June 2024 – **Minutes 1-19;**

MIN 6. - Members **RESOLVED** to approve the lists of payments and receipts, for the period 1st January 2024 – 31st March 2024.

MIN 7. – Members **RESOLVED** to approve the bank balances and the reconciliation statement as at 31st March 2024.

Members **RESOLVED** to move £250,000 into the CCLA Account.

MIN 8. – Members **RESOLVED** to approve the income and expenditure report and Balance Sheet for the year to date 31st March 2024.

MIN 9. – Members **RESOLVED** to approve the Internal Audit Report 2023/2024.

MIN 10. – Members **RESOLVED** to approve Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2023/2024

MIN 11. – Members **RESOLVED** to approve the Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2023/2024.

MIN 12. – Members **RESOLVED** to adopt the Asset Register as at 31st March 2024

MIN 12. – Members **RESOLVED** to;

- a) Award a grant of £1000 to Haywards Heath Scout Group to fund insulation of the building with the caveat that funds will only be released once the full cost of the project has been collected. The Clerk also advised he has recommended the group investigate if there are any S106 monies available.
- b) Award a grant of £750 to Haywards Heath and Beech Hurst Bowling Club to fund the introduction of a set of bowling aids
- c) Award a grant of £418 to 7th Haywards Heath Guide Unit set up a new Girl Guides unit.
- d) Defer the grant application of £500 to Girl Guiding UK. Members had concerns over the sustainability and future funding of the temporary storage solution. The council are happy to discuss the idea of a capital grant to come to a more permanent storage solution.
- e) Refuse the grant application of £1000 to the Simon Wellbeing Centre to set up a new wellbeing group. Members were still unclear on the scope of the project and there were concerns that there was no match funding which would benefit the wider community and surrounding areas. There were also concerns around the organisation's constitution and set up. Therefore, on this basis the Council have resolved to refuse the grant application.
- f) Award a grant of £90.00 to the Windermere Road Residents Association to fund the purchase of Swift nesting boxes for a conservation project.

MIN 14. – Members **RESOLVED** to:

- a) Members agreed to award Mid Sussex Voluntary Action £15,000 towards services and activities in Hayward Heaths over two years to be met from the Community Project Budget with £7,500 being awarded within the current financial year and further £7,500 be earmarked within the 2025/2026.

- b) That each annual payment be made two in tranches of £3,750 subject to monitoring through a Service Level Agreement.
- c) That the Town Clerk be given delegated authority to execute a Service Level Agreement with Mid Sussex Voluntary Action.

MIN 15. – Members **RESOLVED** to adopt the Social Media Policy.

MIN 16. Members **RESOLVED** to adopt the Training and Development Policy.

Committee Meeting: Full Council

Report of: Town Clerk/Leader of the Town Council

Date: 15th July 2024

Subject: Future of Clair Hall

Purpose:

1. The purpose of this report is for Members to consider a matter that affects a significant community facility in the Town.

Summary:

2. The future of Clair Hall still remains uncertain at the present time as Mid Sussex District Council continues to explore options to secure its future with commercial operators, developers and has also welcomed proposals from Community Organisations. As the District Council are yet to agree a formal proposal and the Town Council has, thus far, only taken a policy position within its Neighbourhood Plan and through a consultation with the Community in 2022, the following report seeks authority to take the Town Council's involvement a step further.
3. This report proposes resolving that the Town Council informs Mid Sussex District Council, via the Town Clerk, that it would consider a capital and/or revenue financial input into a new facility and would subsequently then wish to have a role with the future governance and management of the new facility. This will enable a dialogue to be opened with a view to long-term negotiations.

Recommendation;

- a) **Members resolve that Town Council would be willing to make financial contributions towards the development of a new Clair Hall and future management costs based on a developed business plan.**
- b) **Members resolve to give the Town Clerk delegated authority to write to Mid Sussex District Council on behalf of the Town Council to request that negotiations are held regarding the future of Clair Hall and how the Town Council could fit into the future financial, governance and management arrangements for a new Clair Hall.**
- c) **If agreeable to the above and Mid Sussex District Council engage with the Town Council that the Town Clerk works with the Town Council's Clair Hall Working Group to develop any business plans, which would then be presented to Full Council if and when appropriate.**

Background;

4. Haywards Heath Town Council, as the closest local authority to residents, is committed to ensuring there is a vibrant cultural and community facility within the Town. The Town Council current policy on the matter is to lobby for a new multipurpose facility to replace the current outdated building, which is currently closed to community use.

5. The Town Council' stated policy for Clair Hall is as follows;
To provide a multipurpose cultural venue for the residents of Haywards Heath. In line with **Haywards Heath Town Council Neighbourhood Plan Policy L1**

The town has a very active community life, representing many different groups and organisations. HHTC has carried out an assessment of existing community facilities which confirmed the perception identified at public consultation that most of the existing community facilities are of small to medium capacity, and that Clair Hall is an essential facility that is in need of substantial improvement. This facility has the opportunity to enhance and support Arts and Culture within the Town.

In accordance with the MSDC Infrastructure Delivery Plan, developer contributions will be sought from new development towards the funding of improvements to Clair Hall.

HHTC identifies that the land at Clair Hall has the potential to accommodate the improvements required. Clair Hall is the primary community facility in the Town and should be improved on its existing site or relocated to another sustainable location within the Town. Any relocation must be suitable, have planning permission in place, all necessary legal agreements in place and funding in place. Continuity of the venue would be required.

The MSDC Infrastructure Delivery Plan identifies that there is a need for 2 new community facilities over the Plan period as well as improvements to the existing Clair Hall.

HHTC will work with the appropriate bodies and local people to secure the delivery of an improved Clair Hall community facility.

Policy L1: Development resulting in the loss of Clair Hall whilst the facility remains needed and valued by the local community will be resisted unless there is re-provision of an equivalent or better facility within the Town prior to the loss of the existing facilities

6. Taking into account that the Town Council is not the owner of the building, the Town Council needs to position itself to ensure that it is engaged at the forefront of deliberations on the future of the site so it can consider any future input to capital/revenue funding and future management and governance arrangements.
7. This report is only a starting point for the Town Council's potential involvement, which will be driven by the Clair Hall Working Group with ratification of any firm proposals being sent through the Town Council committee process for Full Council ratification.
8. The resolution as tabled will enable the Town Clerk to make Mid Sussex District Council aware that the Town Council wishes to participate actively with a view to helping retain this important cultural and community asset for the Town. Any further direction would be managed by the Town Council and its working group and committee process.

Financial Implications

9. None in relation to this report. It must be remembered that the Town Council has the ability to raise capital funding from various sources, has the ability to secure funding from third party funders and any approved increases in the precept (being cognisant of community wishes via consultation if the Town Council seeks a PWLB loan).

Legal Implications

10. Town Council can progress this matter under the General Power of Competence, which the Town Council meets the criteria of as exercised and resolved at the Annual Meeting of the Town Council dated 15th May 2023 under minute 20.
11. Generally, Town/Parish Councils have the ability to manage/own community facilities bestowed in the Local Government Act 1972 and the powers in the Localism Act 2011.

Town Clerk