

HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and General Purposes Committee held on 3rd April 2023.

Matt Jeffers (Chair) **
Sandy Ellis (Vice Chair)
Clare Cheney **
Rachel Cromie
Stephanie Inglesfield **
Jack Langley
Alastair McPherson
Howard Mundin

Apologies Absent***
Also present: Town Clerk and Events and Community Officer.

In the absence of Councillor Jeffers, Cllr Ellis assumed the role of Chair for the evening with Cllr McPherson being nominate and seconded to be Vice Chair.

46. Apologies

M. Jeffers – Holiday
S. Inglesfield – Work Commitments
C. Cheney - Holiday

47. Minutes

The minutes of the Environment & General Purposes Committee dated 27th February 2023 were taken as read, confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

48. Substitutes

None

49. Declarations of Interest

None

50. CCTV Cameras Haywards Heath

It was agreed that the CCTV cameras in Haywards Heath were fundamental for the security of residents in the Town and needed to be kept in situ especially the two new cameras part funded by the Town Council. In terms of the substantial rise in cost for maintenance and service Members asked that the Town Clerk review the situation in conjunction with the other two Town Councils in Mid Sussex and Mid Sussex District Council to ensure that Sussex Police move quickly to secure a new deal with the current service provider EE, or work collaboratively to find a new provider.

Members **RESOLVED** to note and resolve the overspend for CCTV provision in the Town, payable to Mid Sussex District Council, within the current financial year 2022/2023 and that forecasted for the 2023/2024 financial year due to changes to Sussex Police's contractual arrangements with utility providers.

51. Kings Coronation Banners

Members were supportive of the idea and agreed that it would be an appropriate way to support and celebrate the coronation alongside the event that was being planned

by the Town Council. It was acknowledged that there were still some logistical issues to be resolved by the Town Clerk regarding the placement of the banners and if they were surmountable then the project should be delivered in time for the Coronation weekend. It was agreed that if it was not possible then an alternative plan would be to wrap a number of the tree planters with a similar design along South Road. This was noted by the Town Clerk as he felt a change in design would be achievable. It was noted that the banner would be a one-off usage and be quite expensive and could be deemed to not be value for money, so it was questioned if the banner could be designed to be used again. The Town Clerk stated that this issue had been taken into consideration with the jubilee logo being at either end of the banner, which meant they could be cut to the Union Jacks and could be used as individual banners in the future. Members were satisfied by this response and then;

Members **RESOLVED** to purchase six double sided King Charles III Coronation celebratory banners to be placed on South Road at the cost of £1,200 plus cost for installation at £1,800 from Town Initiatives budget.

52. Operation Watershed

Members were supportive of the application and were pleased to support any application for funding to West Sussex County Council. With this,

Members **RESOLVED** to make an Operation Watershed application to West Sussex County Council for a project to be undertaken at Wealden Way. Furthermore, that the Town Clerk be given delegated authority to research and if deemed suitable make the application at the appropriate time in line with Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

53. Placement of GOBO Projector on Muster Green

There was continued support for the placement of the GOBO projector. The Town Clerk stated that it was aimed that the GOBO would be in place before the Coronation weekend and that he would be on site during delivery and installation of the projector.

Members **RESOLVED** to note and resolve the revised associated costs of the project to place a GOBO projector on Muster Green as outlined in the report, which are in line with the £7,000 earmarked in the Town Initiatives reserve budget.

54. Naming of Town Day 2024 Onwards

It was agreed to defer the request to consider the name change of Town Day to the new Town Council once it has sat after the election. In deciding this course of action Members reflected on the branding of Town Day and its past success. It was also noted that there could be conflict with Benson Fairs who have held the Dolphin Fair by name in the past and confusion regarding links to the Dolphin Leisure Centre, then,

Members **RESOLVED** to defer the consideration of renaming Town Day as Dolphin Fair to Full Council in July 2023.

55. Haywards Heath in Bloom Committee Update

The Chair of the Haywards Heath In Bloom Committee advised that plans were being finalised by the Committee for the South and South East in Bloom Judging tour of the Town and also visits to Western Road Cemetery and Muster Green on the same day. It was also stated the Muster Green would be subject to the annual Green Flag judging

in the second week in May, which the Town Clerk and Headgrounds Person would show the appointed judge around. The Chair of the Committee was also pleased to report that funding had been sourced to pay for a thank you tea party, which is also the reception for the Town Council's Best Kept Garden and Allotments Awards Ceremony.

Members **RESOLVED** to **note the update**.

56. Urgent Items
None.

Meeting closed at 8.24pm