

HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25th June 2019

M Jeffers (*Chairman*)
S Ellis (*Vice Chairman*)
C Cheney
R Cromie**
S Inglesfield
J Langley
A McPherson
C Pitt

* Absent ** Apologies

Also present: Cllr S. Wickremaratchi, Town Clerk, Events and Community Officer and Mr Murray Crump.

Before the meeting commenced Mr Crump an allotment holder at America Lane and member of the America Lane Plotolders Committee made representation on the notes of the Allotment Holders meeting as presented under item 5. He made mention of the progression of the new allotment provision at Hurst Farm and the historical allocations mentioned during the Allotment Holders meeting that were not noted as only actions were recorded due to lack of secretarial support for the Town Clerk. Mr Crump, as a volunteer on the inspection team, was complimentary of the acceleration in the process over the last twelve months and looked forward to its continuation working with the Assistant to the Town Clerk. Mr Crump promoted the Community Garden at America Lane, which the Town Clerk announced was on the South and South East in Bloom Judging Tour, and invited all Members to the America Lane Summer BBQ on Sunday 21st July 2019. Mr Crump then remained in the room to listen to item 8.

1. Apologies

R. Cromie – no reason given.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and General Purposes Committee held on, Monday 8th April 2019 were taken as read, confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Substitutes

S. Wickremaratchi for R. Cromie

4. Members' Declarations of Interest

None.

5. Notes of the Allotments Holders Meeting 20th May 2019

The matters raised by Mr Crump were noted and Mr Crump was thanked for his support with the Town Council and specifically for helping with allotment inspections and then,

Members **RESOLVED** to note and adopt the minutes of the Allotment Holders meeting held on the 20th May 2019.

6. Events and Community Officer (ECO)

The ECO took Members through the report welcoming comments and questions. Firstly, Members were taken through Appendix 1, which was a project plan for Town Day with no matters needing a decision being raised, Members congratulated the ECO for all her work. With regards to the one recommendation in the report Members unanimously supported the £200 funding recommended for a small play day event in the Ashenground Ward. There were no further matters of significance raised that needed resolution so Members noted each matter in turn. At the conclusion of the item Members excused the ECO from the meeting.

Members **RESOLVED to note the report and to contribute £200 towards Mid Sussex District Council's Mini Play Day in Haywards Heath from the Town Initiatives budget.**

7. Christmas Tree(s) for Victoria Park

Members considered the motion tabled by Cllr Pitt and were supportive of the idea to place a Christmas Tree(s) in Victoria Park. It was therefore agreed that investigation would be undertaken into business sponsorship for a tree or potentially a number of trees and that Mid Sussex District would be approached as the owner of Victoria Park. Funding to pump prime sponsorship to the total as recommended was approved so at least one tree would be place to support the Christmas Festival activities provided by The Orchards Shopping Centre and the Town Council Fireworks;

Members **RESOLVED;**

- a) **To allocate up to £600 from the Town Council's Town Fund budget, if third party funding cannot be secured, for the purchase of a Christmas Tree that will be placed in Victoria Park subject to land owners consent.**
- b) **That the Town Clerk seeks the permission of Mid Sussex District Council to place the tree in Victoria Park.**
- c) **That investigations are made to see if further trees can be paid for and placed, as per b) by local businesses.**

8. Environment Working Group Update

Members noted the update and endorsed the project included. Mention was made of the opportunity to visit the West Sussex County Council re-cycling centre at Ford. Mr Crump who was still present, and on invitation by the Chairman, made comment on the possibility of plant pot recycling. Taking into account the millions of plant pots used each year the committee agreed finding a way to recycle those used by the Town Council should be looked into. It was noted that the initiative was included in the projects being progressed by the working group and that B and Q in Burgess Hill, Haskin Garden Centre and Dove Farm at Felbridge may be able to take such. With this

Members **AGREED to note and adopt the recommendations and the actions of the Environment Working Group held on the 18th June 2019.**

9. Haywards Heath In Bloom Update

It was noted that the South and South East in Bloom Judging would take place on the 9th July 2019. The Mayor and Town Clerk were finalising the route in conjunction with the In-Bloom Committee. Furthermore, all Members of the Town Council and their families were welcome to join and meet them for lunch after the Mayor had accompanied them on the judging tour.

Members **NOTED the Update.**

10. Blue Plaque

In addition to the paper presented by the Town Clerk, Cllr Ellis gave some background to Blue Plaque Scheme and those plaques that had been already placed in the Town. It was also stated that the long-term vision was to place more plaques and then map them so residents and visitors alike can follow a route around the Town. Members **NOTED** the update and it was **AGREED** that the plaques would be considered on a case by case basis.

Members **NOTED the Update.**

11. Items Agreed as Urgent by the Chairman

None

The meeting closed at 9:13pm