

## HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN COUNCIL

### ENVIRONMENT AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

#### Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019

M Jeffers (*Chairman*)  
S Ellis (*Vice Chairman*)  
C Cheney\*\*  
R Clarke  
E. Clayton\*\*  
J Knight  
A McPherson  
H Mordin

\* Absent \*\* Apologies

Also Present: Becky Stevens (Events and Community Officer) and twenty four members of the public in relation to item 6 on the agenda.

Before the meeting commenced the Committee received a presentation from Dr Margaret Pilkington relating to the safer cycling in Mid Sussex. Dr Pilkington was supported by twenty-two supporters of the initiative and Mr Chris Thompson, the Chairman of the Mid Sussex Cycle Forum, which is administered and supported by Mid Sussex District Council. As part of the presentation, which was supported by a briefing note, as attached to the Committee agenda, Members were asked to appoint a representative(s) onto the Mid Sussex Cycle Forum.

**53. Apologies**

C. Cheney – Holiday.  
E. Clayton – Work Commitments.

**54. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and General Purposes Committee held on, Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 were taken as read, confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

**55. Substitutes**

S. Hillier for C. Cheney.

**56. Members' Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Ellis declared a personal interest in Item 11 in her role as the Chairman of Haywards Heath in Bloom Committee.

**57. Matters Arising**

None.

**58. Mid Sussex Cycle Forum. Safer Cycling in Mid Sussex response to Dr Pilkington's presentation.**

The representation of Dr Pilkington, the words of Mr Thompson as Chairman of the Mid Sussex Cycle Forum were welcomed by the Chairman and there was general support for what the Forum was trying to achieve. This was taking in account of the benefits of health, the environment and sustainable transport resulting from cycling, whilst acknowledging the need for cyclists to stay safe.

Members agreed that the Town Council should be represented on the Mid Sussex Cycle Forum. As a result, Cllrs McPherson and Ellis both duly volunteered to be representatives. Members did air some caution in relation to 20mph zones as one request had been rejected by the West Sussex County Council Local Committee, which had been included in traffic calming traffic regulation orders within the Town. It was explained that any 20mph zone would have to go through such an order process with a policy being in place to not implement such zones at the present time. Furthermore, in making the resolution the Committee made it clear that, where it supported the overarching aims and activities of the Forum and wished to provide Councillor representation, specific issues and initiatives would have to be dealt with on a case by case basis so as not to pre-determine the Town Council and be considered against Town Council policy and that of its principal authorities. With this the Chairman commended those present for the enthusiasm, and looked forward to seeing the outcomes of the Forum's work and then;

Members **RESOLVED** to,

**Support the activities of the Mid Cycle Cycling Forum and recommend to Full Council that Cllrs Sandy Ellis and Alastair McPherson be appointed as representatives on the Forum.**

**59. Events and Community Officer Report**

The activities, as per the report, were considered point by point by introduction of the Events and Community Officer, then,

Members **NOTED** the report

**60. Town Day 2019**

Members noted that the 2019 working group was continuing with its work to develop Town Day through a step by step change process to provide a more focused event year on year with a specific theme being at the heart of each event. It was noted and agreed that the event would carry on into the evening this year with the stage hosting local bands. Normal arrangements for clear away around 4.30pm would continue, but the stage and fun fair would carry on into the early evening circa 7.30pm. Members noted the action plan presented and were informed that the IMPS Motorcycle team had been booked along with the infrastructure to support them. The Chairman of the 2019 Working Group reported that the group was working closely with the Events and Community Officer who would report at each meeting of the committee.

Members **RESOLVED** to,

**Ratify the work of the 2019 Working Group and the change to the time of the finish of the event to 7.30pm.**

**61. 2020 Town Wide Town Team Event**

It was agreed that the Town Council should help the Town Team build on the success of the 175 Year Anniversary of the Railway Station and have a greater involvement with the 2020 event. However, the 2020 working group will still lead on the set up and arrangement for Town Day to compliment the Town Wide event, which will focus on the past and the future. The link between the Town Team and the Town Council would be through the Events and Community Officer.

Members **RESOLVED** to;

**Be a partner with the Town Team for their Town wide event in 2020, including the incorporation of Town Day into the event programme and that when appropriate the Events and Community Officer be involved in the organisation of the event under the guidance of the 2020 working group.**

- 62. Illumination of Haywards Heath Ward Memorial**  
Members welcomed the idea and without comment.

Members **RESOLVED** to;

**Support, in principle, the lighting of Haywards Heath War Memorial and delegate the expenditure of monies to the maximum of £3,000 to the Town Clerk in liaison with the Chairman and Vice Chairman to undertake the works.**

- 63. Haywards Heath in Bloom Committee**  
Cllr Ellis thanked the In-Bloom Committee for their hard work and informed the Committee that the Town had been re-entered into the South and South East in Bloom competition.

Members **NOTED** the update.

- 64. Items Agreed as Urgent by the Chairman**  
None.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm