

HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21st October 2019

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

* Absent ** Apologies

Before the meeting commenced, in the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman took the Chair for the evening and Cllr Wickremaratchi was duly proposed and seconded to become the Vice Chairman for the evening.

29. Apologies

M. Jeffers – Holiday.
R. Cromie – Ill Health

30. Minutes

The Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary meeting of the Environment and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 23rd September 2019 were taken as read, confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

31. Substitutes

C. Evans for M. Jeffers

32. Members' Declarations of Interest

None

33. Events and Community Officer (ECO)

The activities, as per the report, were considered point by point by introduction of the Events and Community Officer. On the basis that no resolutions were required as a result of the report,

Members **NOTED** the **update**.

34. Re-Cycling of Milk Bottle Tops

Members considered the initiative as identified by the Environment Working Group and were happy that the advertisement of what the Town Council was doing regarding the recycling, in the Town Council Newsletter, had prompted the development of the formal initiative. Members thanked Ms Barbara Lank who had spent many years working on the recycling of bottle tops and who had set up the arrangements with G.H.S Recycling Limited and had developed the network of businesses to collect the tops on behalf of the Town. It was noted that she wished to stay involved and would train up any willing volunteers to help sort the tops. Members considered the resources implications and felt that volunteers should be found along with their input if necessary. With this,

Members **RESOLVED** to **give the Town Clerk delegated authority to enter into a legal agreement with G.H.S Recycling Limited to collect and re-cycle milk bottle tops.**

35. VE Day Celebrations

In presenting the report the Town Clerk acknowledged that the Town Council's full event programme would be considered, as a matter of course, alongside the budget setting process. However, the significance of the event meant arrangements had to be progressed with the upmost urgency. Members welcomed the suggestions included with in the report, which would act as the basis for the weekend of celebrations so agreed to the programme of celebrations presented and look forward to seeing more detail, via the 2019 Working Group, in December. Detailed thought centered around marching bands, British Legion Involvement and local cadets. The Town Clerk stated that he would secure a Piper straight away and then commence discussion with the Dame Vera Lynn Childrens Charity and Royal British Legion. Members were mindful of the limited resources that the Town Council has and agreed that in addition to the celebration that the Town Council would look to facilitate and support third parties who were organising street parties and the alike and act as sign poster to resources and funding. With regards to funding the event it was noted that £500 would be included in the Events Budget in December with a view to securing funding available from Mid Sussex District Council and private sector sponsorship. At the conclusion Cllr Ellis requested that she be involved in the organisation of events. As a result, Members were happy for her to work with the 2019 Working Group when it discussed matters further.

Members **RESOLVED** that **the Town Council undertakes the activities/events, as laid out in the main body of this minute, and that it acts as a signposting body for the Community to enable a Town Wide Commemoration of the VE Day 75 Year Anniversary over the weekend 8th - 10th May 2020.**

36. South and South East in Bloom

Members considered the feedback from this year's South and South East in Bloom judging, welcomed the feedback and were very happy with Silver Gilts being awarded to Haywards Heath Cemetery and in the Town category.

Members **NOTED** the update.

37. Items Agreed as Urgent by the Chairman

None

The meeting closed at 8:55pm