

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOCALISM AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON 20TH MARCH 2018 IN THE ROSE ROOM OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 8.00PM.

PRESENT: Cllrs. T Lewin (Chairman), Davies, Farrar, Miller and Moore

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Josephson, R Lewin and Melson

NOT PRESENT: Cllr. McKinney

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk, Asst. Clerk, Sara Smart and Hannah Jebb from the Forest Row Community Fridge Team

381/18 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None

382/18 APOLOGIES

Cllrs: Josephson and Melson due to work and Cllr. R Lewin due to family matters.

383/18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 14TH NOVEMBER 2017

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th November 2017 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Farrar, seconded by Cllr. Moore and signed as a true record.

There were no objections to the deletion of the digital transcript of the meeting held on 14th November 2017.

384/18 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW

None

Cllr. T Lewin proposed that items 8.1 and 7.6 – 7.10 on the agenda be dealt with at this stage of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Davies and AGREED.

385/18 SERVICE DEVELOPMENT

Standing Orders were lifted – there were no objections.

A report from the Community Service Officer had been circulated in advance and was NOTED.

- Community Fridge: Hannah Jebb and Sara Smart explained how the scheme works. The aim was to reduce food waste within the village. It was for all people in the village as well as those in food poverty.

The fridge would be for leftover food (in good condition) – all items would need to be logged and could be taken by anyone (and logged out). The fridge would need to be cleaned regularly. It would be open at certain times of the day.

There would be facilities for dry goods also.

There was funding available for the purchase of the fridge.

The proposed site for the fridge would need to be checked by Environmental Health.

Cllr. T Lewin proposed that the scheme go ahead. This was seconded by Cllr. Moore and AGREED with 1 abstention.

386/18 GAGES – COMMUNITY LUNCH FACILITY

A report from Sara Smart had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

There was discussion regarding how to promote Gages without creating unfair competition. Cllr. Farrar reminded the committee that when the café was set up, it was aimed at providing a service to the elderly.

Cllr. Davies said that she used Gages regularly and it was a of great benefit socially and had a good sense of community.

Cllr. T Lewin proposed that the prices be increased as follows with effect from 1st April 2018:

CURRENT PRICES		PROPOSED PRICES	
Soup	£ 2.00	Soup	£ 2.50
Main	£ 4.50	Main	£ 4.50
Dessert	£ 2.00	Dessert	£ 2.50
Meal Price	£ 8.50	Meal Price	£ 9.50

This was seconded by Cllr. Davies and AGREED with 4 for and 1 against.

387/18 GAGES COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT

An allotment had been provided for the growing of produce for Gages since last year – Emma Hopkins (our cook) was managing this with assistance from volunteers. East Grinstead Rotary Club had offered financial support to help enhance the allotment and also general tidying up. They would get publicity from this as would Gages. The Committee thought this was a good idea and were very supportive.

NOTED

388/18 THURSDAY CLUB

A report has been previously circulated and was NOTED.

389/18 REPAIR CAFÉ

The last session was on Saturday 17th March and had been very successful. NOTED

Cllr. T Lewin advised that he would be inviting our local MP to visit a Repair Café and would also ask her to visit the Tip. He would suggest either 21st April or 19th May.

390/18 BRIDGING AGES PROJECT

Sara Smart was thanked for all her the work she had put into this project. Cllr. T Lewin advised that he had attended, along with Sara Smart and Sue Young attended a talk at The Seasons on Zero Waste, which had proved very interesting. The owner of The Seasons had advised that he would be installing a drinking water tap shortly.

Cllr. T Lewin advised that he would be asking Council to look into installing a drinking water tap on Foresters Green.

Standing Orders were re-instated.

391/18 CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

- Solar Panel Installation – the panels and inverter had been installed. There had been a delay in the delivery of the storage battery, but this should be installed in the next fortnight, together with a meter showing how much of our electricity usage is being generated from the panels.
- EV Charging Point – This had been installed and a usage report had been incorporated into Sue Young's report which had been previously circulated. NOTED

392/18 FINANCIAL REPORT

This had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

393/18 FOREST ROW MARKET

A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

394/18 HEARING AID AND MEDICAL TRANSPORT SERVICES

A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

395/18 CAR HIRE CLUB

Cllr. T Lewin advised that they now had around 75 members (who were more regular users) and 3 cars. The third car was due to go back in June and a decision would be made before as to whether it would be replaced or not. NOTED

396/18 CYCLE HIRE SCHEME

Cllr. T Lewin advised that he had recently spent a weekend at the Bike Stop tidying up and checking the bikes were in good shape. The bikes would be checked over in time for Easter. He asked for help with the promotion of the scheme particularly on Social Media and Cllr. Miller offered to do this. Cllr. Moore suggested that an appeal be put out on social media for a volunteer to assist with equipment maintenance.

397/18 YOUTH PROVISION

A report had been received from Cheryl Hawkins and was NOTED. It would be appreciated if the reports could be received in time to go out with the backing papers. It was NOTED that Cheryl had advised that she or a member of staff would attend this Committee's meetings in the future.

398/18 ASSISTED LIVING LOAN SCHEME

A proposal had been made that Council should operate a 'library' of assisted living aids, to lend out mobility and other aids to members of the Community. Some grant funding is available for this, which may run to the provision of weatherproof storage.

Cllr. T Lewin proposed that this scheme be explored, and the practical viability of the scheme be investigated. This was seconded by Cllr. Davies and AGREED. Cllr. Moore volunteered to investigate this.

399/18 CORRESPONDENCE

None

400/18 ITEMS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY THIS COMMITTEE OR FULL COUNCIL

Cllr. T Lewin suggested the possible installation of a public water tap as mentioned above.

Cllr. Miller asked that the issue of community feedback be discussed at a further meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.12pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman