

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOCALISM AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 8th OCTOBER 2018 IN THE ROSE ROOM OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 8.00PM.**

PRESENT: Cllrs. T Lewin (Chairman), Davies, Josephson, R Lewin, Melson, Miller, Moore and Pritchitt

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. McKinney

NOT PRESENT:

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None

APOLOGIES

Cllr McKinney due to family commitments.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW

Name	Min. No.	Category of Interest	Reason
Cllr. T Lewin		Personal	Car Club member/coordinator Shareholder in F/R Energy Cooperative
Cllr Josephson		Personal	Trustee of the Forest Row Relief in Sickness & General Benefits Trust
Cllr Miller		Personal	Shareholder in F/R Energy Cooperative

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 19th JUNE 2018

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th June 2018 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Josephson, seconded by Cllr. Davies and signed as a true record.

There was no digital transcript of the meeting held on 19th June 2018, as it had failed to record.

CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION

- **Venu on the Green progress report.** The groundworks are progressing on schedule. The VIG-CON (construction sub-group) met on 22nd August and 26th September to receive the architect's certificates for the first two stage payments. The VIG-BIZ (business sub-group) has now met three times, and recommendations will be forwarded to Full Council for approval. The VIG-PAL (publicity & liaison sub-group) has yet to meet, but a successful fundraising car boot sale was held on 22nd September. NOTED
- **Waste Recycling progress report** A vote had been taken at the Extra-ordinary meeting of Full Council immediately beforehand to proceed in principle with the scheme proposed by the 'WRAG' working group. NOTED
- **Cooperation with the Duke of Edinburgh scheme.** Exploration of this (in view of skills volunteering) was an action for Sara Smart from the last meeting. This in hand, but progress has been substantially hampered by the school summer holidays. NOTED

CLARIFICATION OF ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING: None

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report had been circulated in advance and was NOTED. The Clerk's request for items to be included in the 2019-2020 Localism budget to be notified to Cllr T Lewin was also NOTED

FOREST ROW VILLAGE MARKET

The Market Manager, Sue Young, had previously submitted a report and the Clerk had circulated a financial spreadsheet, both of which were NOTED.

HEARING AID SERVICE

A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

VOLUNTARY MEDICAL CAR SERVICE

A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

CAR CHARGING UNIT

A report on this item formed part of the overall report from Sue Young. Cllr R Lewin said it appeared to him from the figures that *Charge Your Car* were still not applying our chosen scale of charges. Clerk will check and report to next meeting.

CAR HIRE CLUB

A narrative report & financial spreadsheets had been previously circulated and were NOTED. Cllr T Lewin spoke about the difficulties caused by a recent accident to one of the cars. No one had been hurt, but the consequences for the scheme insurance were potentially serious. Some adjustment of the hire charges was likely to be required NOTED

CYCLE HIRE SCHEME

A financial spreadsheet had been previously circulated and was NOTED. Cllr T Lewin said he had had an approach from the coordinator of the cycle scheme's technical partner to enter into closer commercial cooperation, either through supplying new stock and maintenance for a share of the revenue or by taking over the entire scheme in return for a profit percentage for the use of the hire location. The Clerk said that this would have to be examined more closely to see whether it was admissible within financial regulations. Deferred accordingly.

GAGES COMMUNITY LUNCHESES

A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED

THURSDAY CLUB

A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED

REPAIR CAFÉ

Sara Smart's report had been previously circulated and was NOTED
There was some discussion over the proposal for a joint website with Chailey. Formally proposed by Cllr T Lewin on the proviso that "sharing costs" applied only to the cost of setting up the website itself. Seconded by Cllr Josephson and AGREED
There was also a suggestion that a 'booking system' might be introduced for the Repair Café, but this remained undecided.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEER SCHEME

Cllr Moore reported that she had now handed over responsibility for this to Sara Smart. The scheme continued to thrive, though more volunteers would ensure continuity. NOTED

YOUTH PROVISION

The Clerk reported that he had received a message that the Youth Supervisor had been delayed by a commitment in Burgess Hill and was unable to attend to give her report. The Committee acknowledged this but expressed some displeasure that once again the Youth Service report had not been available to prior the meeting, as requested. Cllr Davies had particular questions about attendance numbers and staffing levels. Committee requested that the report should be available to the next Full Council on 16th October.

SERVICE DEVELOPMENT

Sara Smart's report had been previously circulated and was NOTED
There was some general discussion as to how far the need for certain services had been demonstrated, with views expressed on both sides.

- In respect of the request for promoting collaboration with MAYFACS & RSM, Cllr T Lewin proposed that this be endorsed by Committee. Seconded by Cllr Josephson and AGREED with one against.
- In respect of the amalgamation of the Wednesday & Thursday Clubs, Cllr T Lewin proposed that this be approved. Seconded by Cllr Moore and AGREED.
- In respect of the request to allow further research into other projects. Cllr T Lewin proposed that this be endorsed by Committee. Seconded by Cllr R Lewin and AGREED, subject to a report-back with costings where required.

Sara Smart was also requested to compile a list of possible elements of ‘social prescribing’, which Cllr Josephson would take up with local GPs.

ASSISTED LIVING AIDS PROPOSAL

Members agreed that the location of the facility was the issue – it required easy access and cleansing facilities. The choice appeared to be between a purpose-built storage unit behind the groundsman’s shed and a section of the old convenience block in Lower Road. Cllr R Lewin pointed out that those premises would be liable to a £1,750 p.a. rent as from April 2019. The issue remained undecided, although the Clerk was asked to approach Wealden with a view to negotiating a reduction/ cancellation of the full rent in view of using the premises for ‘community purposes’.

ITEMS 20-22 & 25-26 OF THE AGENDA

(F/R Energy Coop / Voluntary speed limit / Environmental Policy / Welcome Packs/ F/R Guide)

In view of the lateness of the hour, Cllr T Lewin proposed these items be deferred to next meeting.

Seconded by Cllr Miller and AGREED

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ITEMS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY THIS COMMITTEE OR FULL COUNCIL

None

The meeting closed at 9:52pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman