

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON 11th OCTOBER 2022 IN THE GARDEN ROOM OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7.30PM.

PRESENT: Cllrs. T Lewin (Chairman), Davies, Josephson, Pritchitt, and Waters

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Hopkins, R Lewin & Moore

NOT PRESENT:

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk, Asst Clerk, County Cllr Taylor as a member of the public, Cllr. Summers as a member of the public, Mel Mesher & Janie Mesher (Youth workers), Steve Winn and one other member of the public

153/22 PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

Steve Winn spoke about the speeding in the village. He requested that East Sussex Highways be asked to reinstate a white line in the middle of the road to deter speeders. He explained how Speedwatch worked (he is one of the volunteers) and gave figures. Cllr. T Lewin explained that this matter would be taken to the next SLR meeting in November.

154/22 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Hopkins (work), R Lewin (prior commitment), and Moore (ill health)

155/22 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW

Name	Min. No.	Category of Interest	Reason
None			

156/22 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 14th JUNE 2022

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th June 2022 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. T Lewin seconded by Cllr Waters AGREED
There were no objections to the deletion of the digital transcript of that meeting.

157/22 CLARIFICATION OF ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

None

Cllr. T Lewin proposed that Youth Services be discussed at this stage of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr.Pritchitt and AGREED.

158/22 YOUTH SERVICE

A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED
Standing Orders were suspended so that Mel Mesher could answer any questions from the Committee. She said that they had a number of projects in the pipeline but had been limited recently by staffing issues. There was room for an additional member of staff on a relief basis.
Standing Orders were reinstated.

159/22 COMMITTEE CHAIRMANS COMMENTS

- The Second Life Community shop had taken on 850kg of clothing donations in September and 100kg had been given to refugees. Cllr. T Lewin reported that he was trying to set up a link between the shop and the Repair Café.
- The Repair Café would celebrate its 5th birthday this week.
- There had been a 'Big Tent' gathering recently and there had been plenty of ideas from the community to the Parish Council.
- Forest Row Energy Co Op had been awarded a grant to enable them to offer 40 homes in the district advice on insulation and energy saving.

160/22 FINANCIAL REPORT

This had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

161/22 FOREST ROW MARKET

Cllr. T Lewin had had a meeting with Lynne Paris who attended the market 2 weeks ago. She would oversee the next 2 markets, with Ella Atkins arranging the set-up crew as in October. They were working out figures and would come back to Full Council with a proposal.

162/22 GAGES COMMUNITY LUNCHESES / THURSDAY CLUB

A report from Sandra Aylen covering these areas had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

163/22 TO CONSIDER FURTHER THE PROVISION OF WARM (AND COOL) SPACES

Cllr. Josephson had attended a meeting with the Churches and other parties to discuss this matter. Holy Trinity Church would open the Church Hall 7 days per week from 10-4 but had no wi-fi available. They propose to have soup available as well as tea and coffee. (Cllr. Josephson had given them a soup urn). They would be approaching the Parish Council for a grant to help cover the additional heating bills.

The Baptist Church would open on a Monday and Wednesday evening.

Posters would soon be distributed, advising what was available and when.

Cllr. Josephson proposed that the Parish Council offered the Spring Room as a warm space for the hours that the Community Centre is open. This was seconded by Cllr. Waters and AGREED.

164/22 TO CONSIDER (and resolve if appropriate) ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUTURE MARKETS

This matter had been discussed under Minute No.

Cllr. T Lewin proposed that a representative from Community Services Committee and a representative from Finance & Policy Committee should negotiate with Lynne Paris to finalise a business model to take to Full Council as soon as possible. This was seconded by Cllr. Waters and AGREED

165/22 TO CONSIDER NEXT STEPS WITH THE ‘SHED’ PROJECT

Cllr. T Lewin advised that he was due to meet with an architect to do the work *pro bono*, to create a design to submit to Planning. It was hoped that this would then be built by the community. The Parish Council would apply for Planning permission then hand the project over to an independent organisation to take forward.

The Clerk was asked to approach Locality to look into the possibility of applying for a grant.

166/22 TO CONSIDER THE REINSTATEMENT OF A PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

After discussion, Cllr. T Lewin proposed that detailed suggestions, ideas and costings be given to him to take to Full Council. This was seconded by Cllr. Davies and AGREED

167/22 NEXT YEAR’S BUDGET

Cllr. T Lewin suggested that there should be a sizeable contingency built into next year’s budget in case of emergencies.

168/22 CORRESPONDENCE

None.

169/22 ITEMS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY THIS COMMITTEE OR FULL COUNCIL

None

The meeting closed at 8:58 pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman