

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON 19th MARCH 2024 IN THE GARDEN ROOM OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7.30PM.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Lewin (Chair), Cocks, Eichner, Jaffay, la Djoï, Rainbow & Volkers

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Christie

NOT PRESENT: Cllr. Scott

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk & Asst Clerk. Cllr. Hugo as a member of public

64/24 PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

None

65/24 APOLOGIES

Cllr. Christie

66/24 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW

| Name | Min. No. | Category of Interest | Reason |
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| None | | | |

67/24 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 30th JANUARY 2024

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 30th January 2024 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Lewin, seconded by Cllr la Djoï and **AGREED**

68/24 CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Cllr. Lewin said that this would be the last meeting he would Chair as he would be standing down from the Council in the near future due to personal reasons – date to be advised.

He said that there had been a refreshing change in the last year and that it was good to have co-operation instead of resistance to ideas.

69/24 CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION

This had been previously circulated and was **AGREED**.

70/24 GAGES COMMUNITY LUNCHES

No report until new staff member in post. It was **NOTED** that Gages was doing well.

71/24 THURSDAY CLUB

No report until new staff member in post. Programme made up until May.

72/24 LIBRARY VOLUNTEER SERVICE

List of library volunteers sorted until May.

73/24 MARKET

This was discussed and Cllr. Lewin proposed that new typographical banners with the FR Market logo be installed. This was seconded by Cllr. Volkers and **AGREED**.

74/24 YOUTH SERVICE

A report had been received from Mel Mesher and would be circulated. Cllr. Jaffay advised that the Youth Forum would be launched in May.

75/24 REPORT FROM COMMS/OUTREACH WORKING GROUP

Cllr. Jaffay reported that the 3D model would be at the end of April. It was noted that this was a change from the date advised in the Newsletter and this needed to be advised to the Community as soon as possible.

Cllr. Eichner advised that the next Newsletter was being processed.

Cllr. Cocks would be arranging the next Meet & Greet.

76/24 REVIEW OF TRIAGE PROCESS FOR REQUESTS & SUGGESTIONS

This was discussed and it was agreed that the sociocratic training had not changed the process needed. This was still being worked on.

77/24 REPORTS/DECISIONS ON PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT

1. The 'Shed' Project – Cllr. Lewin reported that a survey had been carried out. It was now ready for a draft design to be drawn up in preparation for a pre-app meeting with Wealden District Council. He advised that this would be a shared project and an agreement would have to be drawn up for the lease of the land from the Parish Council.
2. Road safety/reduced speed limit – There was discussion about this subject. Cllr. Lewin proposed that a radar speed detection device should be investigated further and reported back – to include the experience of other Councils. This was seconded by Cllr. Eichner and AGREED.
3. Subsidised counselling service – Cllr. Volkens advised that she had attended a meeting along with Cllr. Evans and the Clerk, with Owen Morgan regarding this service. He was going to 'bulk out' his proposal and bring it back to Council.
4. A 'benefits surgery' proposal – There was no report on this matter.
5. Environmental support – It was advised that a grant application would be submitted for water testing kits (£520 each) The Community would be engaged to help with testing. Cllr. Lewin proposed that the Council support this initiative. This was seconded by Cllr. Volkens and AGREED.
Carbon testing for the Parish Council – Cllr. Lewin proposed that a carbon audit of Parish Council activities be pursued. This was seconded by Cllr. la Djo and AGREED.
6. Cooperation with East Sussex County Council IT4U project – The Clerk had contacted East Sussex County Council about this and was awaiting a reply.
7. Co-operation with Forest Row Festival – Cllr. Hugo advised that this would be a ticketed event which was more spread out around the village. A grant had been awarded at the previous Finance & Policy Committee meeting.

78/24 ITEMS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY THIS COMMITTEE OR FULL COUNCIL

Cllr. Lewin said that he would like the issue of a Riverside walk to be considered again.

Cllr. Eichner said that Cllr. Lewin had been Chair of Community Services through all 'different flavours' of the Council and had always pushed for the interests of the Community. He thanked him for all his hard work.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman

