

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON 22nd OCTOBER 2024 IN THE GARDEN ROOM OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7.30PM.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Taylor-Smith, Eichner, Jaffay, Rainbow & Volkers

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Christie, la Djoï & Scott

NOT PRESENT: Cllr. Cocks

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk & Deputy Clerk. Mr Alex Waters (Junior)

170/24 PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

None

171/24 APOLOGIES

Cllrs. Christie (holiday), la Djoï (illness) & Scott (work)

172/24 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW

Name	Min. No.	Category of Interest	Reason
None			

173/24 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 6th AUGUST 2024

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 6th August 2024 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Taylor-Smith, seconded by Cllr Jaffay and AGREED

174/24 CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION

This had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

175/24 GAGES COMMUNITY LUNCHES

A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED. The Committee asked that their thanks are passed onto the staff and volunteers for all their hard work. Amanda Sinclair was asked to look at how this service might be more widely publicised.

176/24 THURSDAY CLUB

A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

177/24 LIBRARY VOLUNTEER SERVICE

A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED. Library to be asked if 'Rhyme Time' sessions were still being run and if not, maybe this was something the Council could be looking to provide.

178/24 MARKET

A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

179/24 YOUTH SERVICE

A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

180/24 SUPPORTED INDEPENDENT SERVICES

Reports had been previously circulated.

Medical transport – more volunteers needed. NOTED

Frow Friends – NOTED

Low-cost Counselling Service – NOTED

Benefits surgery – NOTED

It was suggested that a future Meet & Greet could focus on recruiting volunteers for all the community services. It was also suggested that a stall be held at the December market to promote the services too. Amanda to compile posters and information.

Cllr. Jaffay suggested that a 'contracted' person could be taken on to deal with the promotion of all Community Services. This was thought to be a good idea and would be put on the next Finance & Policy agenda.

181/24 COMMS AND OUTREACH

A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

182/24 THE SHED PROJECT

The notes of the last meeting of the group had been previously circulated and were NOTED.

183/24 YOUTH FORUM

A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

184/24 CHRISTMAS EVENT & 'FESTIVAL CORNER'

Cllr. Taylor-Smith reported that there was a fundraiser on 1st December for the Christmas event. More volunteers were needed. The numbers would be capped at 70 this year. Promoting the event would start soon.

Cllr. Taylor-Smith advised that there was a Festival Corner meeting next week and they were looking at possible places for this use.

185/24 FLOOD FORUM

There was much discussion over this subject. The Clerk to contact the Flood Dept at East Sussex County Council to see what the position is about flood defences etc.

186/24 COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN NEED

This was a subject that Amanda Sinclair had suggested be addressed. Cllr. Taylor-Smith proposed that a working group be set up to look into the matter. This was seconded by Cllr. Volkens and AGREED (ToR & membership referred to Full Council).

187/24 FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Current position – NOTED
2. Committee budget for 2025-26 – this was discussed and Cllr. Taylor-Smith proposed that the draft budget as circulated with a few minor adjustments be adopted. This was seconded by Cllr. Eichner and AGREED.

188/24 ITEMS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY THIS COMMITTEE OR FULL COUNCIL

Cllr. Eichner asked the Clerk to follow up the IT4U project.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman