

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON 25th MARCH 2025 IN THE GARDEN ROOM OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7.30PM.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Taylor-Smith(Chair), Christie, Cocks, Eichner, Jaffay, Rainbow, Scott

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. la Djoï, & Volkens

NOT PRESENT:

IN ATTENDANCE: The Deputy Clerk, the Community Services Officer & 3 members of public

48/25 PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

None

49/25 APOLOGIES

Cllrs. la Djoï (illness) & Volkens (illness)

50/25 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW

Name	Min. No.	Category of Interest	Reason
None			

51/25 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 11th FEBRUARY 2025

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th February 2025 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Eichner, seconded by Cllr Christie and AGREED

52/25 CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION

This had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

53/25 GAGES COMMUNITY LUNCHES

A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

54/25 THURSDAY CLUB

A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

55/25 LIBRARY VOLUNTEER SERVICE

A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

56/25 MARKET

A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

57/25 YOUTH SERVICE

A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

58/25 SUPPORTED INDEPENDENT SERVICES

Reports had been previously circulated.

Medical transport – Sally Cox spoke about the service. They are very busy and have 16 drivers with 9 regular. Only have 4 coordinators. Would like more drivers and coordinators. NOTED

Frow Friends – A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

Low-cost Counselling Service – Diane Burnett spoke about this service. The service was going very well and had delivered 144 sessions for 18 people covering all ages. NOTED

Benefits surgery – a room was still being offered once a month NOTED

59/25 COMMS AND OUTREACH

Cllr. Cocks gave a brief report.

- The website should go live in the next 2 weeks
- The Newsletter had been completed and would be issued monthly
- Postbox & noticeboard have been ordered
- 3D model event had been a great success
- Meet & Greet 26th March would include the Village Club, Forest Row Energy and County Cllr. Galley giving a presentation.
- The cemetery consultation results were awaited

NOTED

60/25 THE SHED PROJECT

Tony Lewin gave an update. They are now open and have been donated a lot of machinery. They had been awarded a grant from Wealden District Council but they needed to become an unincorporated association – this was in hand.

61/25 YOUTH FORUM

No report.

62/25 'FESTIVAL CORNER'

Cllr. Scott gave a report. There had been lots of support for this project at the 3D event. The working group needed to take this forward. Cllr. Jaffay suggested that the 'Shed' make the boards if this was suitable.

63/25 'RHYMETIME' IN THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

This was now being offered every Thursday from 2-2.30.

64/25 DEMENTIA SERVICES

Amanda Sinclair had been to a dementia meeting recently. There was a meeting next week which she would attend to see how Forest Row could participate in this initiative. She suggested that everyone connected should undertake dementia awareness training. It was National Dementia week between 19-25 May and she would be planning an event.

65/25 FINANCIAL MATTERS

NOTED

66/25 ITEMS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY THIS COMMITTEE OR FULL COUNCIL

Cllr. Eichner asked that the IT4U scheme from East Sussex County Council be chased up again.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman