

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 'PEOPLE' COMMITTEE HELD ON 24TH MARCH 2026 IN THE GARDEN ROOM OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7.30PM.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Rainbow (Chair), Eichner, Killick, la Djoï & Marshall

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Christie, Jaffay & Lewis

NOT PRESENT: Cllrs. Scott & Volkers

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk and Deputy Clerk.

48/26 PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

None

49/26 APOLOGIES

Cllrs. Christie (family), Jaffay (family) & Lewis (ill health)

50/26 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW

Name	Min. No.	Category of Interest	Reason
None			

51/26 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 14TH OCTOBER 2025

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 27TH January 2026 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Killick, seconded by Cllr Eichner and AGREED

52/26 REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

These had been previously circulated, and the status of each was NOTED

53/26 CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION (to include financial report month 11)

This had been previously circulated and was NOTED. The Clerk advised that he would contact the market manager to speak about increasing the advertising of the market to try to improve footfall.

54/26 GAGES COMMUNITY LUNCHES

A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED. It was suggested that Councillors should attend Gages if possible, to interact with the diners.

55/26 THURSDAY CLUB

A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

56/26 LIBRARY VOLUNTEER SERVICE

A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

57/26 YOUTH SERVICE

A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED

58/26 MATTERS ARISING FROM COMMS/OUTREACH WORKING GROUP

1. **Any required decisions for a further 3D event** – this was discussed. Cllr. Eichner proposed that a budget of £100 be approved for expenditure. This was seconded by Cllr. la Djoï and AGREED. The display boards from the Annual Parish Meeting to be displayed at the event. Cllrs. Rainbow & Eichner to collaborate on the display boards. It was agreed that this event would take place on 11th July 2026.
2. **Any required decisions for organisation of a volunteer fair** – this would run alongside the 3D event on 11th July. The office to promote/contact organisations.

59/26 OTHER ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION/DECISION

1. **Any required decisions in respect of the 'art fund'** – Cllr. Eichner reported that he has reached out to local schools to inform them. He will feedback as responses are received. It was suggested that knotting/crochet groups in the village be contacted re post box covers.
2. **Choice of publicity outlets for Council activities** – after discussion, the cost of advertising in Ashdown Living to be investigated. Cllr. Eichner proposed that an A4 sheet bullet pointing meetings and activities be put on all hiring rooms in the Community Centre. Cllr. la Djoï offered to help compile this. Art to be displayed on the walls of the Garden Room was discussed – this matter to be put on a future agenda.

60/26 ITEMS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY THIS COMMITTEE OR FULL COUNCIL

Art on walls of Garden Room – future agenda.

Cllr. Marshall advised that she and Amanda Sinclair had attended a positive meeting with 'The Good Company People'. It had been suggested that they attend a meeting to give a presentation.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman