

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 'PEOPLE' COMMITTEE HELD ON 7th July 2026 IN THE GARDEN ROOM OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7.30PM.

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

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Christie, Volkers & Lewis

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk, Assistant Clerk & One member of the Public

61/26 ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR

Cllr Rainbow proposed herself as Chair. She was nominated by Cllr Killick and seconded by Cllr Eichner to be Chair. AGREED

Cllr Marshall proposed herself but there was no seconder.

Cllr Killick proposed herself as Vice Chair. She was nominated by Cllr Eichner and seconded by Cllr Rainbow to be Vice Chair. AGREED

62/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Christie (Work), Lewis (Family issues) & Volkers (Family)

63/26 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW

Name	Min. No.	Category of Interest	Reason
None			

64/26 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 24th March 2026

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 24th March 2026 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Killick, seconded by Cllr Eichner and AGREED

65/26 REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

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

Cllr Eichner referred to the Art Fund (Minute No: 59/26/1). He has contacted various establishments but due to the time of year, feedback has been scarce. To be revisited in September.

Cllr Rainbow proposed that agenda 8.5 be brought forward. Seconded by Cllr Eichner and AGREED

66/26 SPONSORED LOW-COST COUNSELLING: Report & Request

A practitioner of the scheme gave a short explanation of their request for additional funds to cover the administration of the Counselling. Discussion followed. Cllr Killick proposed acceptance then seconded by Cllr Eichner. AGREED

67/26 CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION

68/26 Finance Report

The Clerk gave a brief summary of the figures. NOTED.

69/26 Future Services

Much discussion followed regarding Street Wardens. It was advised that discussion would be taken forward to the Resilience Working Group.

Discussion was held around the use of the Community Centre but no decision was taken.

70/26 GAGES COMMUNITY LUNCHESES

A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

71/26 THURSDAY CLUB

A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

72/26 LIBRARY VOLUNTEER SERVICE

A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

73/26 YOUTH SERVICE

A report had been previously circulated and was NOTED. The service was particularly commended for its current range of activities and forward programme.

74/26 MATTERS ARISING FROM COMMS/OUTREACH WORKING GROUP

1. **Costs for vertical advertising banners** – this was discussed. Cllr. Eichner proposed that 2 banners be purchased at the cost of £62.50 each. This was seconded by Cllr Killick.
AGREED
2. **Costs of advertising in Ashdown Living** – discussion followed. No further action to be taken,

75/26 OTHER ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION/DECISION

1. **The matter of art on Garden Room Walls** – Much discussion followed. It was decided that a short survey would be given to all Community Centre hirers for their opinions.

76/26 ITEMS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY THIS COMMITTEE OR FULL COUNCIL

None

The meeting closed at 9.01 pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman