

CHICHESTER CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

HELD ON MONDAY 5 AUGUST 2013 AT 5.30PM

- PRESENT : Councillors Apel, Budge, Evans, Holman, Macey and Siggs
- EX-OFFICIO : The Mayor (Councillor Chaplin)
Councillor Plowman
- ALSO PRESENT : Councillor Campling
Sergeant Pete Higgins - Sussex Police
Ray Brown - Friends of Chartres
Graham Pound - Friends of Valletta
Julia Sander - Friends of Ravenna
- IN ATTENDANCE : Town Clerk and Administration Manager
- APOLOGIES : Deputy Mayor (Councillor Hughes)
Councillor Woolley

17 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 June 2013, having been printed and circulated, were submitted and the Chairman was authorised to sign the same as a correct record with the amendment to Minute 12 Outside Body Appointments 2013/2013, where Councillor Campling would be the City Council representative on the Local Strategic Partnership (CDC) and not Councillor Apel.

It was further RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 22 July 2013, having been printed and circulated, were submitted and the Chairman was authorised to sign the same as a correct record.

18 POLICING AND SECURITY IN THE CITY

(a) General Update for Sussex Police

Sergeant Higgins reported on a number of proactive projects and operations that were taking place in the City and that involved many different agencies. A survey had been carried out on the number of homeless people in the City which would help produce a snapshot of the current situation. Pedlars and buskers in the City were continuing to be monitored.

Chichester Police Station had hosted an 'Open Day' on Friday 26 July 2013 and this had been well attended and the new initiative 'Meet Me in Person' being held the third Tuesday of each month at Chichester Railway Station whereby members of the public can meet with a PCSO of the area.

Sergeant Higgins answered members questions on matters relating to CCTV imaging, City Angels, ChiBac and travellers.

(b) Community Wardens

The Community Wardens were unable to attend the meeting but had submitted their reports for the West Ward, East Ward and Whyke Estate. These reports had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting.

19 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF FRIENDS OF CHARTRES AND RAVENNA

(a) Friends of Chartres

The Friends of Ravenna report had been circulated to all members and noted.

(b) Friends of Ravenna

The Friends of Ravenna report had been circulated to all members and noted.

(c) Friends of Valletta

The Friends of Valletta report had been circulated to all members and noted.

20 CHICHESTER LINK WITH KURSK - UPDATE

The Town Clerk reported that the Working Group established to discuss Chichester's link with Kursk had not met and the City Council were now being asked whether they still wished to be involved with the Friendship Link with Kursk as representatives of Kursk were keen to develop the link.

The matter was discussed by members and noted that a Discretionary Grant had been applied for and had been successful.

It was RESOLVED that it was not appropriate to form a twinning link with Kursk due to the size of Kursk compared to Chichester, however any visitors from Kursk would be welcomed by the City Council.

21 EUROPEAN WALLED TOWNS SYMPOSIUM 2014

The Committee were advised that a letter from the European Walled Towns Symposium Secretariat was still awaited confirming Chichester as being the host City for the 2014 Symposium.

Following the 2013 Symposium in Derry in October, the Working Group would meet as any feedback from the Derry Symposium could be beneficial.

The Mayor expressed his wish to be on the Working Group and was advised by the Chairman that the membership would be Councillors Apel, Siggs, Scicluna and French.

22 STREET LICENSING ACTIVITIES

There was nothing further to report on this matter.

23 BUS SHELTERS

The Town Clerk reported that following the Business Review Committee on Friday 19 July 2013 it was agreed that the City Council would take forward the responsibility of benches in South Street and bus shelters and benches in Market Avenue.

24 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The Business Review Committee had discussed the Memorandum of Understanding that had been received from Chichester District Council and the City Council's comments had been forwarded and a response from the District Council was awaited.

25 DISCRETIONARY GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Chairman advised that a policy should be included in the Discretionary Grant Guidelines that stated that members of the City Council should encourage other members of an organisation to complete Discretionary Grant Applications rather than themselves.

Councillor Budge asked whether this policy would affect members submitting nominations for Civic, Heritage, Young Citizens' Awards and Blue Plaques and was advised that it would not.

Councillor Campling wished it recorded that he did not have any involvement with the recent Oxmarket Centre of Arts Discretionary Grant application.

26 OUTSIDE BODY APPOINTMENTS 2013/2014

It was RESOLVED that Councillor Holman be the City Council's representative on the Chichester Residents' Association Group.

27 CHICHESTER DISTRICT COUNCIL'S ALL PARISHES MEETING - 17 OCTOBER 2013

It was RESOLVED that the Chairman, Councillor Siggs and Councillor Macey be the City Council's representatives at Chichester District Council's All Parishes Meeting being held on 17 October 2013.

28 CHICHESTER IN BLOOM

The Administration Manager advised that the City Centre had been judged in the South & South East in Bloom Competition on Monday 8 July 2013 and the results would be known at the Award Ceremony in Tunbridge Wells on Wednesday 11 September 2013. It was agreed that the Administration Manager would represent the City Council at the Award Ceremony.

The Chairman and Administration Manager commented that budgets for the Summer and Winter floral display in the City Council for 2014 should be given some thought but all members agreed that by entering a competition, it focused people's attitude to respecting

29 CCTV FUNDING

An email from Kenrick Garraway, Assistant Director for the Economy, Chichester District Council, had been circulated to all members that outlined a request for a one-off payment of £3,000 to cover the shortfall in providing CCTV in Chichester. Members discussed the effectiveness of the CCTV and in particular the quality of image it produced but overall members supported CCTV.

It was RECOMMENDED to Finance Committee that a one-off payment of £3,000 be allocated to the CCTV in Chichester.

30 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

- Policing & Security in the City
- Reports from Friends of Chartres & Ravenna & Valletta
- Chichester in Bloom

The meeting ended at 7.00pm.