

CHICHESTER CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

HELD ON MONDAY 2 JUNE 2014 AT 5.30PM

- PRESENT : Councillors Apel, Budge, Evans, Holman and Macey
- EX-OFFICIO : The Mayor (Councillor Hughes)
Deputy Mayor (Councillor Siggs)
Councillor Plowman
- ALSO PRESENT : Sgt Pete Higgins - Sussex Police
Pam Bushby - Communities Interventions Manager, Chichester District Council
Jay Blackwood - Community Warden, Chichester District Council
Ray Brown - Friends of Chartres
Brenda Gay - Friends of Ravenna
Graham Pound - Friends of Valletta
- IN ATTENDANCE : Town Clerk and Administration Manager
- APOLOGIES : Councillor Woolley

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was duly proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that Councillor Apel be elected Chairman of the Community Affairs Committee for the remainder of the year. There were no other nominations.

It was further proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that Councillor Evans be elected Vice-Chairman of the Community Affairs Committee for the remainder of the year. There were no other nominations.

2 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 April 2014, having been printed and circulated, were submitted and the Chairman was authorised to sign the same as a correct record.

3 POLICING AND SECURITY IN THE CITY

(a) General Update for Sussex Police

Sgt Higgins advised that the dedicated City Team were continuing to work with multi-agencies to keep crime low in the City and that priorities were still anti-social behaviour, shoplifting, cycling on pavements, etc. There had been travellers in the area but these had been moved on through the appropriate procedures. Councillor Macey reported on the drink and drug related issues at the Canal and the Police were aware of this matter.

(b) Community Wardens

The Community Warden for the West Ward was unable to attend the meeting but had submitted a report in advance of the meeting which had been circulated to all members.

Community Warden, Jay Blackwood, was present at the meeting and a joint report from him and Jon Logan (Community Wardens for Chichester East and Whyke Estate) had been submitted in advance of the meeting which had been circulated to all members.

The Deputy Mayor asked whether the information from the Community Wardens on street lighting was available yet and was advised that this would be emailed.

4 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF FRIENDS OF CHARTRES AND RAVENNA

(a) Friends of Chartres

The Friends of Chartres 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.

5 THINK FAMILY NEIGHBOURHOODS

Councillor Evans declared a Personal Interest in this matter as West Sussex County Council Cabinet Member for Children - Start of Life - Lead Member for Children.

Pam Bushby, Communities Interventions Manager, Chichester District Council, explained how the 'Think Family Neighbourhoods' project would be developed in the East and South Wards of Chichester and that representatives from a wide-range of local organisations, eg. Chichester District Council, West Sussex County Council, Sussex Police, West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service and Residents' Associations were identifying issues to be addressed.

Ms Bushby explained that the Community Wardens had an important role to play in the Think Family Neighbourhood and were an integral part of the project. Currently office space was being sought for the Community Wardens and possible locations were at the Careline Centre in Florence Road and at the Westgate Centre.

6 FEEDBACK FROM CHICHESTER DISTRICT COUNCIL'S ANNUAL MEETING WITH ALL PARISHES HELD ON THURSDAY 1 MAY 2014

Councillors Plowman and Macey had attended the above meeting and reported that the main topics of discussion were New Homes Bonus, the new Travellers site at Westhampnett and the Local Plan. It appeared that although some parishes had produced Neighbourhood Plans there was an uncertainty how effective they would be and that until the Local Plan was approved by the Secretary of State later in the year.

7 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF ADMIRAL SIR GEORGE MURRAY

Councillor Plowman advised that the main objective of the 'Murray Club' was to raise the profile of Admiral Sir George Murray. A DVD had now been produced to mark the 200th Anniversary and it was hoped a 'Murray Trail' leaflet would be produced at a later date. The Murray Club would be applying for a Heritage Lottery Fund grant for various exhibitions at museums.

8 FRIENDS OF PRIORY PARK

Councillor Plowman, as Chairman of the Friends of Priory Park, advised that the Friends group was set-up by Chichester District Council but would in the future need to be an independent group and the use of the Council Chamber for the meetings was being requested by the Friends group. The Committee were advised that this request had previously been made to the Property Sub-Committee and had been refused.

9 WALLED TOWNS SYMPOSIUM 2014 - UPDATE

The Committee noted that the City Council had submitted a Grant Application to Chichester District Grant for a grant of £2,000 towards the Walled Towns Symposium. This application had been submitted due to the advice received from the Chief Executive of Chichester District Council.

The Registration documents for the Symposium had been emailed to the Walled Towns Secretariat in Valletta who would be sending out the information to all the members of the Walled Towns.

All members would be welcome to attend any of the Symposium events at cost and the draft programme would be sent to members.

10 STREET LICENSING ACTIVITIES - UPDATE

The Town Clerk advised that he and Administration Manager had met with Chichester District Council officers on 26 March 2014 to discuss street licensing activities in the City. The City Council had been advised that a report had been prepared by the Officers and submitted to the Senior Leadership Team but a response was still waited.

Street Licensing Activities would be discussed further at the next meeting of the Committee.

11 OUTSIDE BODY APPOINTMENTS 2014/2015

A draft schedule of the Outside Body Appointment 2014/2015 had been circulated to all members indicating that there were vacancies on the following outside bodies :

- Chichester City Partnership Board of Directors
- Chichester in Partnership (formerly Local Strategic Partnership)
- Chichester Residents' Associations Co-ordination Group
- Friends of Chartres Executive Committee

The schedule also indicated that the following outside bodies were no longer in existence :

- Chichester District Community Sports Network
- Chichester Tourism
- North East Chichester Forum
- South West Arts Group (SWAG)

It was RESOLVED that the vacancies be filled as follows :

- Chichester City Partnership Board of Directors - Cllr Macey
- Chichester in Partnership (formerly Local Strategic Partnership) - Cllr Apel
- Chichester Residents' Associations Co-ordination Group - Cllr Plowman
- Friends of Chartres Executive Committee - Cllr Campling

12 CHICHESTER IN BLOOM

The Administration Manager advised that Ferring Nurseries had planted up the summer floral displays around the City and that although Chichester was not taking part in the South & South East in Bloom Competition this year, the City Centre displays would be of the same standard as in previous years that had contributed towards Chichester winning Gold for the past four years.

13 ST JOHN'S CHAPEL EDUCATION PACK

Councillor Woolley had requested this item be included on the Agenda but was not at the meeting to report on it.

14 MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS

(a) World War One Commemoration Working Group

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2014 having been circulated be approved.

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

- Policing & Security in the City
- Reports from Friends of Chartres & Ravenna & Valletta
- Street Licensing Activities
- Street Lighting Consultation

The meeting ended at 6.37pm.