

CHICHESTER CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

HELD ON MONDAY 27 OCTOBER 2014 AT 5.30PM

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

28 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 19 August 2014, having been printed and circulated, were submitted and the Chairman was authorised to sign the same as a correct record.

29 POLICING AND SECURITY IN THE CITY

(a) General Update for Sussex Police

No representative of Sussex Police was able to attend the meeting.

(b) Community Wardens

A Community Warden Chichester South Report had been received and circulated to all members via email.

Community Warden, Jay Blackwood, commented on minor incidents that residents in the Whyke area had reported to him.

It was noted that the Community Wardens would be happy to help out any Christmas events being planned in their wards.

30 LITTER AT FISHBOURNE ROAD EAST RAIL CROSSING

The Town Clerk explained that a resident living near the Fishbourne Road East Rail Crossing had contacted the City Council and supplied photographs of litter that had accumulated at the rail crossing. The Town Clerk had contacted Chichester District Council about this matter and the District Council had subsequently supplied two litter bins to the North and South sides of the bridge. The prompt action of the District Council was appreciated and the thanks of the Committee recorded.

However, litter was still collecting in an inaccessible area of land between Centurion Way and the railway chain link fence boundary and it appeared that this was local authority owned land and not Network Rail's land. This was currently being investigated as West Sussex County Council could be the possible owners.

31 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.

32 TWINNING WITH VALLETTA

The Mayor had requested that the Committee consider establishing a formal twinning link with Valletta in Malta. On a recent visit to Valletta, the Mayor had discussed a possible twinning with the Mayor of Valletta.

The Committee noted that this matter had been discussed before in October 2012 where it had been agreed not to twin with Valletta at that time. However, a Friendship Link continued with Valletta which was established in 2010 (Minute 30(c) of the Committee's meeting held on 29 October 2012 refers).

The Chairman advised that to date no costings for such a twinning had been included in the draft Budget 2015/2016 and that it may be wise to consider the request post the May 2015 elections.

The Committee members discussed the various matters involved with forming a twinning, namely the costs involved and it was noted that a 'Friends Twinning' association had not yet been established in Valletta and that maybe it was too early to be consider forming a twinning with the City.

It was RESOLVED that more details be obtained on the formality of a twinning and the costs that could be involved in establishing a twinning link with Valletta and reported back at the next Committee meeting.

33 STREET LICENSING ACTIVITIES - UPDATE

The Town Clerk explained that the Chief Executive of Chichester District Council had advised that a report would be submitted to members of the SLT and apologised for the delay which had occurred due to work being carried out on the Local Plan. The City Council had been advised earlier in the year that a report was being submitted to the SLT.

34 OUTSIDE BODY APPOINTMENTS 2014/2105

The Committee noted with regret the dissolution of CRAG (Chichester Resident's Association Group).

35 MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS

(a) Walled Towns Symposium Working Group

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meetings held on 5 August, 12 August and 8 September 2014 having been circulated be approved.

The Committee's attention was drawn to the following Recommendations in Minute 18 of the 24 September 2014 Working Group Meeting :

- (i) Councillor French's costs incurred attending the events could be reimbursed, where the relevant receipts are provided, up to a maximum £250;
- (ii) that payment by some attendees, ie. Officers, at events associated with the Symposium be waived in view of the nature of their involvement in the organisation of the Symposium; and
- (iii) that the speakers at the Symposium receive a gift in recognition of their time given to the Symposium

It was RESOLVED that the above Recommendations be accepted and the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2014 be approved.

(b) World War One Commemoration Working Group

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 August 2014 having been circulated be approved.

36 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
- 200th Anniversary of George Murray (Cllr Plowman to report)
- Twinning Costs

The meeting ended at 6.12pm.