

CHICHESTER CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

HELD ON MONDAY 3 AUGUST 2015 AT 5.30PM

- PRESENT : Councillors Apel, P Evans, Galloway, Holman, Macey and Sharp
- EX-OFFICIO : The Mayor (Councillor P Budge)
Deputy Mayor (Councillor Tupper)
Councillor Dignum
- ALSO PRESENT : Councillor Plowman
Sue Long - Community Warden, Chichester District Council
Ray Brown - Friends of Chartres
Brenda Gay - Friends of Ravenna
- APOLOGIES : Councillors P M Budge and J French
Graham Pound - Friends of Valletta
Sussex Police
- ABSENT : Councillor Kilby
- IN ATTENDANCE : Town Clerk and Administration Manager

16 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meetings held on 1 June and 20 July 2015, having been printed and circulated, were submitted and the Chairman was authorised to sign the same as a correct record.

17 POLICING AND SECURITY IN THE CITY

(a) General Update for Sussex Police

There was no representative from Sussex Police at the meeting.

(b) Community Wardens

Reports had been received from the Community Wardens representing the East, West and South Wards of the City and had been circulated to all members.

Councillor Galloway commented on the South Ward Report and in particular the fly-tipping that had occurred in Velyn Avenue and asked if this had been caught on CCTV. Officers would contact Chichester District Council and ask the question and report back to Councillor Galloway.

18 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.

19 EUROPEAN WALLED TOWNS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER - SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER 2015 IN RAVENNA

The Committee considered Councillor T French's request that he attends the European Walled Towns Annual General Meeting in Ravenna as the City Council's representative.

It was RESOLVED that Councillor T French be the City Council representative at the European Walled Towns Annual General Meeting in Ravenna; any expenditure being met from the International Relations budget.

20 YOUR ENERGY SUSSEX CAMPAIGN

The Chairman welcomed David Edwards MCIPR (Communications Lead - Your Energy Sussex) and Andrew Tofts of West Sussex County Council to the meeting.

Mr Edwards and Mr Tofts gave a general overview of the 'Your Energy Sussex' initiative and that it was available to all councils in East and West Sussex. They outlined their achievement to date which had included an Energy Saving Project organised in Tangmere and a pop-up Energy Cafe in the Parklands area of Chichester. By interacting with a cross-section of people from the areas they were able to advise residents on energy efficiency schemes and how money could be saved by being more energy efficient.

21 CHARLES AVENUE COMMUNITY HUB- - UPDATE
Community Affairs Committee Minute 10 refers

The Administration Manager read an email from Pam Bushby, Communities Intervention Manager, Chichester District Council, which advised that the Charles Avenue Hub had not progressed from the last meeting other than Affinity Sutton were now looking at the fire risk assessment and were keen to get things moving.

22 'ONE STOP SHOP' UPDATE
Business Review Committee Minute 8(i) refers

The Town Clerk explained that West Sussex County Council had advised that they would be consulting with all local councils in the county on highway activity services that could be devolved as currently there was a piecemeal approach to councils carrying out County Council services.

23 TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE
Business Review Committee Minute 8(ii) refers

The Town Clerk advised that a meeting would be taking place on Thursday 6 August 2015 between the City Council and District Council Officers on the possibility of the Council House being a tourist information outlet.

24 CHICHESTER DISTRICT COUNCIL RELOCATION OF MARKET

The Town Clerk reported that the formal consultation from Chichester District Council on the relocation of the Market in the Cattle Market Car Park to North and East Streets in Chichester had commenced and that Chichester City Council would be consulted separately after the current consultation had ended.

25 CHICHESTER IN BLOOM

(i) City Centre Floral Displays

The Administration Manager advised that the City Centre flower towers and hanging baskets were looking wonderful and full credit to Ferring Nurseries for providing a colourful display. Four hanging baskets had to be replaced in St Martin's following the resurfacing of the road as it appeared that heat from vehicle exhausts dried out the baskets and the plants withered and one hanging basket was stolen from the bus station.

The Cathedral Beds in West Street had been commented upon and was being investigated further with the relevant bodies, ie. Chichester Cathedral and West Sussex County Council.

(ii) 'Chichester Garden Fest'

The Chairman welcomed Maggie Campbell-Culver FLS to the meeting. Mrs Campbell-Culver gave a brief presentation on the proposed 'Chichester Garden Fest' event planned for 21, 22 and 23 June 2016 which would also be part of the Festival of Chichester. It was proposed to hold the event in the Guildhall in Priory Park and would consist of a series of major lectures supported by exhibitions, competitions, open gardens, etc.

Mrs Campbell-Culver planned to establish a small dedicated Working Group to which Councillor Plowman and the Administration Manager expressed an interest to part of; it was also planned to apply for a Discretionary Grant.

The Committee were supported of the event.

26 MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Discretionary Grant Policy Review Working Group held on 9 July 2015 having been previously circulated, were approved and adopted

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

- Policing & Security in the City
- Reports from Friends of Chartres & Ravenna & Valletta
- Charles Avenue Community Hub
- Tourist Information Centre
- Chichester in Bloom
- Schools Competition
- Chichester Vision (Chichester District Council Strategy)

The meeting ended at 6.45pm.