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**YOUR ATTENDANCE IS REQUESTED AT A MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
AT 5.30PM ON MONDAY 9 APRIL 2018**

.....Rodney Duggua.....
Town Clerk

S U P P L E M E N T A R Y A G E N D A

The following item to be taken under Agenda Item 5

FIRE SAFETY FRIENDS OF RUSSIA
Christopher Holgate's report attached
Mr Holgate will be present at the meeting

To : Members of the Community Affairs Committee
Councillors Apel, J French, Galloway, Hixson, Holman, Macey, Sharp and Tupper
Ex Officio Members :
The Mayor (Councillor P Evans)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Bell)
Chairman of Planning & Conservation Committee (Cllr Kilby)
Chairman of Finance Committee (Cllr Dignum)

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REPORT FOR 2017 TO CHICHESTER CITY COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

First, apologies for the lateness of this report. This is my Fourth report since I was formally appointed the City of Chichester representative to Russia. Unfortunately, due partly to a long spell of ill health on my part, we were unable to continue to progress our work at the pace we achieved in 2016. We are hoping to make up for this in 2018.

CIVIC – EDUCATIONAL - CULTURAL

I was unable to attend the Town Day celebration in September due to the health issue, but the link started with Worthing is still in progress. We are looking to facilitate a visit by the Mayor of Kursk together with representatives of business, culture and education to the UK in 2018 with a view to encouraging links in all the activities.

The link started with the Sir Robert Woodard Academy, Lancing, has for the time being come to a halt due to changes in staff at the school. Together with the head of the school we did find a teacher prepared to continue the link but they also have now moved on. The school head is still hopeful of finding someone in due course, but in the meantime I am seeking other schools who would be prepared link with their counterparts in Russia. The opportunity for school children and students to develop their education, not only in a chosen subject, but also learning first hand about a different culture, character building and self confidence, is enormous.

We have at present a similar situation with the Worthing Sea and Royal Marine Cadets.

With regard to fire cadets, the London Fire Brigade, after an initial start, decided to redirect their resources to a different project. Rather disappointing for us and the Fire Service Youth Training Association who had put some effort into starting the link. However, we will shortly have a meeting with the Chief Fire Officer of Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service with a view to developing fire cadet links on a nationwide basis.

As part of our work encouraging people to people links, a visit to the Houses of Parliament by Russian school children from Kursk on 19th July was arranged by Lord Truscott of St James's, Patron of Fire Safety Friends Of Russia. Lord Truscott spent some time talking to the children and meeting Natalia Zheleznyakova (yellow top) and Chris Holgate (blue shirt), Founder of FSFOR. Natalia created the first link for Chris with the Russian Fire Service. Our grateful thanks to the Rt. Hon the Baroness Evans for taking the photo in Westminster Hall.



FIRE AND RESCUE

Although no visits to Russia, we have been busy developing a future programme of assistance and cooperation with the Arkhangelsk Rescue Service. To deliver this we have put together a team of highly qualified experts to take forward all of our projects. The team includes Assistant Chief Fire Officers from Surrey and London together with our UK Rescue Organisation colleagues and the recent paramedic consultant to SECamb, Dr Andy Newton, plus, a retired West Sussex fire officer colleague and myself.

FIRE SAFETY FRIENDS OF RUSSIA ORGANISATION DEVELOPMENTS

We continue to gain support for our work. A brief meeting with HRH Prince Michael of Kent was very useful. We now have the support of HRH for our work.

We have also managed to secure some storage for equipment awaiting delivery which has been kindly donated to us

Martin Burrell asked to stand down as a trustee due to family commitments. His place has been taken by Mark Osborne a former West Sussex Fire officer.

We continue to receive excellent support from the British Embassy Moscow and Consul General, St Petersburg.

As the representative of Chichester City I would be pleased help to progress any future activities associated with Russia the committee may wish to pursue.

Should Members of the Committee like to find more information about the activities the following links would be useful :-

Fire Safety Friends Of Russia web site www.fsfor.org

Fire Safety Friends Of Russia Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/FSFOR-124968544200075/>

Chris Holgate 27-02-18