

CHICHESTER CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

HELD ON MONDAY 7 APRIL 2014 AT 5.30PM

- PRESENT : Councillors Apel, Budge, Evans, Holman and Macey
- EX-OFFICIO : The Mayor (Councillor Hughes)
Deputy Mayor (Councillor Siggs)
Councillor Woolley
- ALSO PRESENT : Councillor Campling
PC Phillips - Sussex Police
Graham Pound - Friends of Valletta
Brenda Gay - Friends of Ravenna
Ray Brown - Friends of Chartres
Peter Atkins - Highway Specialist Services Manager, West Sussex County Council
Simon Bushell - SSE Contracting
Pam Bushby - Communities Intervention Manager, Chichester District Council
Councillor Margaret Evans - South Ward, West Sussex County Council
Councillor Jeremy Hunt - North Ward, West Sussex County Council
Mike White - Chichester Residents Association Group
- IN ATTENDANCE : Town Clerk and Administration Manager
- APOLOGIES : Councillor Plowman

58 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meetings held on 27 January 2014 and 17 February 2014, having been printed and circulated, were submitted and the Chairman was authorised to sign the same as a correct record.

59 POLICING AND SECURITY IN THE CITY

(a) General Update for Sussex Police

The Chairman welcomed PC Phillips to the meeting.

PC Phillips reported upon several 'operations' that had been undertaken in the last few months and these included stopping cyclists that had no lights on their bicycles and giving the cyclists the opportunity to purchase bicycle lights or pay a Fine, Rogue Traders and junk mail scams that preyed on elderly people and viewpoint car thefts.

PC Phillips advised that Special Constables were working alongside the Neighbourhood Team, crime levels were down and Justin Burtenshaw was the new Chief Inspector.

(b) Community Wardens

The Community Wardens were unable to attend the meeting but Jon Logan, Community Warden for Chichester East and Whyke Estate had submitted his report and this had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting.

60 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.

61 THINK FAMILY NEIGHBOURHOODS

An email from Chichester District Council on this subject had been circulated with the Agenda.

The Chairman welcomed Pam Bushby, Communities Intervention Manager, Chichester District Council, to the meeting.

Pam Bushby advised that the 'Think Family Project', which was managed by West Sussex County Council, had been established in response to the government's 'Troubled Family Programme' and was multi-agency based. The project was aimed at supporting individual families and improving their immediate neighbourhoods that may be having an effect on their lives.

The Committee were advised that specific areas in the East and South Wards of the City had been identified as areas that could benefit from the project.

The Chairman proposed and was duly seconded that this matter be discussed further at the next meeting of the Community Affairs Committee on 2 June 2014, after members had read the associated paperwork from Chichester District Council and had considered ideas that could help enhance troubled neighbourhoods. Any ideas could be submitted in advance of the June meeting and discussed further at that meeting.

62 STREET LIGHTING POLICY IN CHICHESTER

The Chairman welcomed Peter Atkins, Highway Specialist Services Manager, West Sussex County Council and Simon Bushell, SSE Contracting to the meeting.

Mr Atkins explained that new street lighting was currently being installed across West Sussex under a PFI agreement with SSE and that following recent street lighting installations in Chichester complaints were being received about the length of time the street lights were on. Mr Atkins said that following a consultation in 2005 there did not seem to be definitive outcome from this consultation on whether street lights in Chichester should be on at all times during darkness hours or to be turned off during night time hours. It was also unclear whether any lighting policy should apply to the whole of Chichester or only in part, ie. keep lights on during night time in the City Centre but not in residential areas.

Following a discussion and comments from West Sussex County Councillors Margaret Evans and Jeremy Hunt and Mr Mike White of Chichester Residents' Association Group, the consensus of opinion was that another consultation should be carried out. Mr Atkins was willing to undertake a consultation process via Chichester City Council, with the City Council receiving comments from Residents' Associations in the first instance.

63 WALLED TOWNS SYMPOSIUM 2014 - UPDATE

The Town Clerk explained that work for the 24th European Walled Towns Symposium was on-going and that it would be advisable for the Working Group to meet post the European Walled Towns Executive Meeting in May 2014.

64 VISIT TO KURSK - SEPTEMBER 2014

Members were informed that Kursk Town Administration wished to invite a member of Chichester City Council to their Town Day Celebrations which were normally held on Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 September 2014. Mr Chris Holgate, the City Council's official representative for Kursk, had been invited separately and would be attending.

It was RESOLVED that this matter be referred to Full Council on Wednesday 16 April 2014 for all Council members to have the opportunity to attend as opposed to just the Community Affairs Committee members.

65 STREET LICENSING ACTIVITIES - UPDATE

The Town Clerk advised that he and the Administration Manager had met with Officers of Chichester District Council on 26 March 2014 and had been advised that this matter would be taken forward to District Council members via the Committee process.

66 CHICHESTER IN BLOOM

The Administration Manager reported that a quote from Ferring Nurseries for the supply and maintenance of floral displays in Chichester City Centre had been received and was within budget.

Chichester District Council had confirmed that Chichester Contract Services would not be able to have any involvement with the Hanging Basket Scheme this year as resources were not available. Therefore, the weight testing of brackets and the putting up of basket brackets would be investigated with another local contractor.

67 MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITEES/WORKING GROUPS

(a) World War One Commemoration Working Group

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2014 having been circulated be approved.

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

- Policing & Security in the City
- Reports from Friends of Chartres & Ravenna & Valletta
- St John's Chapel Education Pack - Councillor Woolley to report

The meeting ended at 7.03pm.