

CHICHESTER CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

HELD ON MONDAY 22 JANUARY 2018 AT 5.30PM

- PRESENT : Councillors Apel, Galloway, Hixson, Macey and Sharp
- EX-OFFICIO : The Mayor (Councillor P Evans)
Deputy Mayor (Councillor Bell)
- ALSO PRESENT : Councillor Plowman
Councillor Scicluna - Friends of Ravenna
Julia Sander - Friends of Chartres
Graham Pound - Friends of Valletta
- APOLOGIES : Councillors Dignum, J French, Holman, Kilby and Tupper
- IN ATTENDANCE : Town Clerk and Administration Manager

23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

As recorded above.

24 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 September 2017, having been printed and circulated, were submitted and the Chairman was authorised to sign the same as a correct record.

25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING

Councillors Galloway and Hixson declared Personal Interests as Chichester District Councillors.

26 POLICING AND SECURITY IN THE CITY

(a) Community Wardens Update

The Chairman welcomed Chichester District Council's Intervention Manager, Pam Bushby, to the meeting. Mrs Bushby reported that a new Community Warden had been recruited and would start in early February 2018 and be based in Selsey. The current Community Warden in Selsey was relocating to Chichester South Ward and had already been in contact with residents and businesses in the area.

Funding for Community Wardens in 2018/19 had been agreed and currently the vehicles used by the wardens were being replaced with new. Members asked whether electric vehicles had been considered and were advised that this had been considered.

Mrs Bushby advised that Community Wardens in any of the areas would be able to support community initiatives.

(b) Community Wardens Reports

Community Wardens reports from the South and East Wards and the City Centre had been received and circulated to all members.

27 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF FRIENDS OF CHARTRES, RAVENNA AND VALLETTA

(a) Friends of Chartres

The Friends of Chartres report had been circulated to all members and noted.

Mrs Sander advised that the 60th Anniversary of the Twinning between Chichester and Chartres would take place in 2019 with the 28 February being the date the Twinning Declaration was signed.

(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.

28 PRIORY PARK 100 COMMEMORATION EVENT - UPDATE

Councillor Plowman reported on the events taking place to commemorate Priory Park 100. These included a talk at the Records Office in April, the Mayor Making Ceremony being held in the Guildhall in June and the production of a book entitled 'Priory Park in 100 Objects'.

A schedule outlining the events taking place between Saturday 22 September and Sunday 30 September 2018 was circulated at the meeting.

Councillor Sharp asked how recycling, litter, etc, would be dealt with during the event and was advised by Councillor Plowman that this would be discussed with Chichester District Council and any advice received would be actioned.

29 FRIENDS OF CENTURION WAY

Councillor Sharp reported on the newly constituted group 'Friends of Centurion Way' which were promoting the benefits of using the route as an application had been submitted to nominate the Centurion Way as a 'Community Asset'. Following the nomination there was a 28 days consultation period when a report would be produced and as there appeared to be confusion over whether Centurion Way was a 'Right of Way' or a 'Highway' it was agreed that this matter be reported upon further when the report had been produced.

30 CLEAN AIR CHICHESTER

Councillor Sharp commented that there were a number of initiatives available from other organisations that helped promote 'clean air' for example, Clean Air Cafes. Councillor Sharp said she had undertaken a poll to find out how residents of the City thought the air in the City could be improved and the results concluded more trees and hedges be planted. Further events promoting clean air would be held later in the year.

The Chairman advised that both he and Councillor Hixson were members of Chichester District Council's Clean Air Committee and that the District Council were producing a new Air Quality Plan for the district.

The meeting ended at 6.45pm.