

**CHICHESTER CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**HELD ON MONDAY 4 JUNE 2018 AT 5.30PM**

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

**1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN**

It was duly proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that Councillor Galloway be elected Chairman of the Community Affairs Committee for the remainder of the year. There were no other nominations.

It was further proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that Councillor P Evans be elected Vice-Chairman of the Community Affairs Committee for the remainder of the year. There were no other nominations.

**2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

As recorded above.

**3 MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 April 2018, having been printed and circulated, were submitted and the Chairman was authorised to sign the same as a correct record.

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

Councillors Dignum, Galloway, Kilby and Macey declared they were members of Chichester District Council.

**5 POLICING AND SECURITY IN THE CITY**

The Community Warden report for the West Ward had been received and circulated to all members.

The Town Clerk requested that the City Council's respect for the former Chichester District Council Office Steve Hansford who had recently passed away, be minuted. Mr Hansford had been instrumental in creating many community initiatives over the years and that continued to this day, one in particular was the Community Wardens.

## 6 BID CITY RANGERS

It was noted that the BID Chairman's report would be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting when the Chairman would also attend the meeting to answer questions as the report contained financial requests of the City Council.

The Town Clerk advised that BID were currently paying for security company representatives to be 'City Rangers' in the City Centre. Although the 'City Rangers' had no enforcement powers, their remit was to highlight, identify and report any issues that may have an impact on the ambience of the City, for example nuisance buskers, pedlars and general anti-social behaviour matters.

## 7 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.

### (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.

## 8 EUROPEAN WALLED TOWNS SYMPOSIUM IN VALLETTA

The Committee were advised that the European Walled Towns Symposium was being held in Valletta, Malta between Thursday 13 September and Saturday 15 September 2018 and that the Registration Fee was €130 per person.

Councillor Scicluna had expressed an interest to attend as the City Council's representative.

It was RESOLVED that Councillor Scicluna be the City Council's representative at the European Walled Towns Symposium being held in Valletta in September 2018 and that the registration fee, accommodation and flights be funded from the Walled Towns Symposium budget.

## 9 CHICHESTER COURTS - ALTERNATIVE PROVISION ARRANGEMENTS

It was noted that a letter received from HM Courts and Tribunal Service dated 10 May 2018 (previously circulated to all members) outlined the current situation regarding the alternative court arrangements for Chichester. The arrangements that would be implemented were as follows :

- East Pallant House would provide hearing provision for civic and family cases in Chichester for two days month; and
- in Crown Court cases, video-link facilities would be available at Chichester Police Station for general prosecution and defence witnesses to give evidence.

## 10 OUTSIDE BODY APPOINTMENTS 2018/2019

The Administration Manager advised that members on Outside Bodies had confirmed their wishes to continue for 2018/2019 and an updated Schedule would be issued and the Outside Bodies informed accordingly.

## 11 CHICHESTER TREE WARDENS

The Mayor advised that he had been contacted by a representative of the Tree Wardens Group and considered the group needed re-invigorating. The Town Clerk advised that Chichester Tree Wardens are under the remit of West Sussex County Council's Tree Warden Support Officer and that if any resident wished to be a Tree Warden and had contacted the City Council, their details were forwarded to West Sussex County Council. The Tree Wardens Group also met at the Council House free of charge.

The Committee discussed that trees in the City could link in with the 'Vision of Chichester' and that maybe the Planning & Conservation Committee reconsidered considering tree applications again.

It was RESOLVED that

- (i) an item be included on the next Property Sub-Committee Agenda for an update on trees in the City Centre; and
- (ii) an item be included on the next Planning & Conservation Committee Agenda for considering the re-introduction of commenting on tree applications

## 12 FRIENDS OF CENTURION WAY DOSSIER

The Committee noted that the latest John Grimshaw plans were on the Centurion Way website and that the Friends of Centurion Way were proceeding to change this 'visionary' proposal into professional prepared plans. It was also noted that a copy letter had been received from the Friends of Centurion Way to the developers following the announcement that a Section 106 agreement had been signed.

## 13 THE CROWN COMMUNITY PUB HUB

Councillor Sharp reported that although some progress had been made in making the Crown Inn in Whyke a Community Hub, there was still a requirement for expertise in a variety of areas. A market value of the property had been received and a leaflet was circulated at the meeting outlining the aims and objectives of the Crown Community Pub Hub and the various groups that already meet there for social events.

## 14 ADMIRAL SIR GEORGE MURRAY STATUE

A report from Councillor Plowman had been circulated to all members with the Agenda.

Councillor Scicluna declared a Persona Interest as a member of the Murray Club.

The report requested consideration be given for the Committee to recommend to Full Council that the Murray/Nelson statue project be adopted by the City Council and that the City Council submit a New Homes Bonus Application for the statue.

The Committee discussed the request and it was agreed to note the report from Councillor Plowman.

## 15 CHICHESTER IN BLOOM

### (a) Floral Displays in the City Centre

The Administration Manager advised that the floral displays in the City Centre consisting of barrier baskets, flower towers and hanging baskets were currently being planted up. The Cathedral Beds had been planted in advance of Chichester Cathedral Flower Festival. The beds at Northgate subway were being replanted as the previous scheme had not survived the winter conditions.

### (b) Schools Competition

The Mayoral/Administrative Assistant had spoken with the Mayor and Chairman of the Committee about the lack of entrants this year for the Schools Competition and it was noted with regret that the Schools Competition would not take place this year. It was hoped that the competition could be resurrected in the future but special thanks were given to Brick Kiln Garden Centre who had supported the competition for a number of years.

## 16 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

- Update on Velo South (Mayor to report)
- Update on Priory Park 100
- Update on the Crown Community Pub Hub

The meeting ended at 6.35pm