

HAILSHAM FORWARD

EXECUTIVE TEAM

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 9.00AM ON 9 FEBRUARY 2018 AT
HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES, MARKET STREET, HAILSHAM

Attendees:

Cllr Nick Collinson – Wealden District Council: NAC
Mickey Caira – Officer Support Hailsham Town Council: MC
Cllr Gavin Blake-Coggins – Hailsham Town Council: GBC
Clive Soper – Federation of Small businesses: CS
Christian Letschka - Officer Support Hailsham Town Council: CL
Cllr Chriss Triandafyllou – Hailsham Town Council: CT
Jenny Seale – Hailsham Community Forum: JS

Action:

2/18/1	Apologies:	
2/18/1.1	Cllr Barby Dashwood-Morris -Hellingly Parish Council Steve Parmar-Greaves – Local Business Representative: SPG Phil Matthews – Representing Young People: PM Cllr Nigel Coltman – Co-opted Member: NSC Steve Wennington – Hailsham Active: SW Jan Townsend – Community Representative: JT Trina Mayson – Hailsham Chamber of Commerce: TM	
2/18/2	<u>Minutes of Meeting Held on 12th January 2018</u>	
2/18/2.1	These were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.	
2/18/3	<u>Matters Arising:</u>	
2/18/3.1	<u>Minute: 1/18/1.1 Hellingly Parish Council representative:</u> MC confirmed that he has contacted Hellingly Parish Council and is awaiting a response. He agreed to follow this up.	MC to follow up the request to Hellingly PC
2/18/3.2	<u>Minute: 1/18/8.1 Hailsham Food Week:</u> MC confirmed that the list of eateries in Hailsham	

	was forwarded to NAC	
2/18/3.3	<u>Minute: 1/18/9.1: Crime:</u> MC confirmed that the letter has not yet been drafted, he will attempt to get this done asap.	MC to draft a letter to Sussex Police
2/18/4	<u>Hailsham Community Forum:</u>	
2/18/4.1	JS provided an update on the event held on 27 th January at the Church Lounge. She confirmed that over 300 people attended the event, with 37 local voluntary groups taking part. CT stated that it was a very well organised event. JS stated that there was a great atmosphere and every group got something out of it; Hailsham Bowls Club signed up 18 new members.	
2/18/4.2	JS stated that she has circulated a questionnaire to the groups to get some feedback to help plan future events. There was very limited space at times during the event, as it was very busy at times and whilst this is not ideal it is considered a good venue and it would be better to hold future events at this central location.	
2/18/4.3	JS stated that the Group were advised by 3VA that they could be eligible for funding. JS did not want the Group to get involved in finances. NAC stated that Hailsham Forward once confirmed as a C.I.C could look at funding opportunities and work with the Group if appropriate.	
2/18/4.4	JS asked about insurance for future events. MC confirmed that he will look at this to see what is appropriate and if this can be covered by Hailsham Forward in the future.	
2/18/4.5	NAC thanked Jenny on behalf of the Hailsham Forward Team for producing such a successful event for the town and its community groups.	
2/18/5	<u>Industrial Parks- Business Park Association:</u>	
2/18/5.1	NAC questioned whether it would be appropriate to create a new business group, as the town already has a Chamber of Commerce and Federation of Small Businesses. Would businesses be prepared to pay to be part of	

	<p>this proposed new association, when there already trade organisations in the town.</p>	
2/18/5.2	<p>The issues of how this should be established and who would be leading this were discussed and it was agreed that to move this forward clear objective of the association need to be worked out and then funding secured to employ someone to “sell” this to the businesses, on all the businesses parks in South Wealden.</p>	
2/18/5.3	<p>It was agreed that everyone should consider the objectives of the association and forward these to MC. MC confirmed that he will research other associations to see if there are any objectives that can be used for this proposal.</p>	<p>All to look at the objectives for the proposed association.</p>
2/18/5.4	<p>CT offered to take this up with Sarah King from Wealden District Council once the objectives have been established. This is to try and secure seed funding for the business parks co-ordinator role. Funding from the Chamber of Commerce and FSB may be possible and both organisations will consider this. They have both confirmed that they support the proposed establishment of an association. Funding would be sought from all sources including ESCC.</p>	
2/18/5.5	<p>Another issue discussed included the possible need for an office for the co-ordinator in the town. CS suggested this could be incorporated in a Pop-Up Shop</p>	
2/18.5.6	<p>It was agreed that the association is to be called the South Wealden Business Park Association and the aim was to have someone in post by the summer, to start to build the association.</p>	
2/18/6	<p>Hailsham Food Week:</p>	
2/18/6.1	<p>NAC stated that he has spoken to a few eateries in Hailsham about the proposal, he confirmed that he will look to get a date for a meeting with these and other eateries to progress the project.</p>	
2/18/6.2	<p>He suggested that the week could include</p>	

	special menus and special offers as well as a food passport for the week that will allow you to eat at a number of participating venues.	
2/18/7	Crime:	
2/18/7.1	<p>MC highlighted the email that was forwarded from Sussex Police with reference to the cost of replacing the Hailsham cameras and the cost of a new camera in Diplocks Way. He confirmed that he will circulate the cost estimates when they have been sent by Sussex Police. MC asked if anyone wanted to visit the CCTV control room, GBC stated he wanted to. MC asked if anyone else wishes to do this to let him know by the end of next week (16th February).</p> <p>CS stated that he attended the Wealden Strategic Partnership Meeting recently and the Police were present and highlighted the significant reduction in police numbers. The Police stated that they will focus on spikes in crimes and hit these hard for a few weeks.</p> <p>NAC stated that whilst there was some sympathy for the Police, with the reduction in Government funding, they do have the opportunity to increase their share of the council tax to obtain more funding for their work.</p> <p>NAC suggested that there needs to be a change in culture where certain issues can be reduced such as parking on footways and restricted areas. He also suggested that the use of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes could assist the Police and is this something Hailsham Forward can get involved in.</p> <p>CS highlighted the perceived lack of prosecutions and questioned whether people should be shamed as a deterrent to criminal behaviour.</p>	All to advise MC if they wish to visit the control room by 16.2.18
2/18/8	Any Other Business:	
2/18/8.1	MC stated that the C.I.C application was rejected as there was a missing form. He asked those Directors present to sign the additional form, which he confirmed would be sent by the end of the day to Companies	

	House.	
2/18/9	<u>Date of Next Meeting:</u>	
2/18/9.1	9th March 2018, 9.00am Town Council Offices.	