

HAILSHAM FORWARD

EXECUTIVE TEAM

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 9.00AM ON 21ST NOVEMBER 2014
AT
HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES, MARKET STREET, HAILSHAM

Attendees:

Cllr Nick Collinson: NAC
Cllr Nigel Coltman: NSC
Cllr Bill Bentley: BB
Phil Matthews: PM
Mickey Caira: MC

Action:

9/14/1	Apologies:	
9/14/1.1	Rob Slater: RS Anton Bree: AB Michelle Hagger: MH Cllr Paul Holbrook: PH Cllr David White: DW	
9/14/2	<u>Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on 17th October 2014</u>	
9/14/2.1	Agreed as a correct record.	
9/14/3	<u>Matters Arising:</u>	
9/14/3.1	NSC asked if there was any further update from the church on their plans to develop the churchyard? MC confirmed that there was no further progress to report from the church but would ask to church for an update/attend the January Executive meeting.	MC to ask the church for an update/attend the January meeting
9/14/3.2	<u>Free Wi-Fi access in the town:</u> NAC stated that WDC had an appetite to assist this project as it falls within the Digital Inclusion Group project. The WDC project aims to provide access to the internet for homes in the district who do not currently any access. The assistance from WDC will probably not be financial.	
9/14/3.3	BB suggested that WDC may be able to use funds allocated to provide access to town & parish council offices/halls to assist with this project? He also highlighted that the roll-out of	

	4G could have an effect.	
9/14/3.4	PM stated that the College has provided Wi-Fi access across the college site.	
9/14/3.5	NAC he will continue working on this project and include the industrial sites as part of the Wi-Fi coverage area.	NAC to continue working on the project
9/14/4	<u>Hailsham Street & Specialist Markets:</u>	
	<u>Future Markets:</u>	
9/14/4.1	NSC proposed that specialist markets should take place on a second Saturday if they do not "compete" with what is being sold by the Farmers' Market.	
9/14/4.2	NAC requested that there is a need to consider planning evening markets in the future to help bring people into the town during the early evening.	
9/14/4.3	BB proposed that the market should deliver something different and unique to Hailsham and focus on one area of trade. This would lead to Hailsham being known for a particular market. As clothing retailers were absent from the town this could be something to focus on.	
9/14/4.4	NAC noted that Hailsham has not found its individual identity yet.	
9/14/4.5	PM confirmed he is keen to see young people involved in the markets and would review this and come back to the Team with some proposals.	
9/14/4.6	The Team agreed to start the Street Market again on 17th January 2015.	
	<u>Stall Store Facility:</u>	
9/14/4.7	MC stated that the cost of a suitable new trailer would be in the region of £3,500 to £4,000. He suggested that as an alternative a large vehicle could be used, the same size as the Council's 17 seater Renault Master minibus.	
9/14/4.8	NAC suggested this would cost around £360 plus VAT per month to lease and agreed to look into the cost of supplying a suitable vehicle.	NAC to check the cost of leasing a vehicle.

9/14/5	<u>Christmas Market:</u>	
9/14/5.1	<p>MC updated the Team on the organisation of the Christmas Event. He confirmed that all 48 market stalls including some charity stalls have been let. Father Christmas and his Sleigh giving away free presents will be there as well as a reindeer rodeo, live music throughout the day, face painting and balloon modelling. With the exception of Father Christmas who would be located at the front of the Quintin's Shopping Centre all the activity would be on Vicarage Field, there will be a road closure between 4.30am and 9.00am and 4.00pm and 9.00pm to put all the infrastructure in place, the High Street will be open throughout the event.</p>	
9/14/6	<u>Reconnecting the Town:</u>	
9/14/6.1	<p>NAC had no further update on the proposal to try and reconnect the various areas of the business community in the town. He considered that using the Council's summer events could be the way to deliver this.</p> <p>BB questioned whether WDC should be doing this as part of their business to business work and agreed that more should be done in the town and suggested that business to business would help in the process of reconnecting the town.</p> <p>NAC suggested that the current business networking in the town was not motivating local businesses to take part and something new is needed.</p> <p>PM stated that people need a reason to attend these sorts of events/meetings.</p> <p>NSC suggested that we could use the refurbishment of the town centre roads/footways as a starting point to get local businesses motivated to get involved.</p> <p>NAC suggested that a loyalty scheme such as the Lyonesse Loyalty Scheme could bring the businesses closer together, and that it may take a number of initiatives to help reconnect the towns' businesses.</p>	

	BB suggested that the info point model used by Burgess Hill Town Council may be of benefit in this project. He asked that John Harrison is attends a future meeting to put forward the principals behind the model.	MC to invite John Harrison to a future meeting.
9/14/7	<u>Public Wi-Fi access Hailsham Town Centre:</u>	
9/14/7.1	BB confirmed that Katy Thomas at ESCC has offered to assist Hailsham Forward in this project and will ask her to contact MC.	BB to ask Katy Thomas to contact MC
9/14/7.2	NAC agreed to find the name of the WDC officer who is dealing with this.	NAC to find out who from WDC is dealing with this.
9/14/8	<u>Any other business:</u>	
9/14/8.1	<u>Questionnaire:</u> MC handed round the brief questionnaire that is designed to seek guidance from the public on their appetite to buy energy and other utilities from Hailsham Forward. A number of changes were put forward. MC agreed to update the questionnaire and circulate it for final agreement. MC agreed to review when this can be put the public during the Street Markets.	MC to update the questionnaire and re-circulate it, and review when this can be put to the public
9/14/8.2	<u>Sports Alliance:</u> NAC acknowledged that the sports park project was gaining momentum but expressed some concern that the minutes from the Stakeholder meeting portray a negative aspect in respect of the amount of developer funds that may be available as a result of pressure from other infrastructure requirements. BB commented that this reflected the reality of the situation. NAC stated that WDC planners were now looking at the sports park development and how this may be delivered across all the proposed local development areas.	
9/14/9	<u>Date of Next Meeting:</u>	
9/14/9.1	The next meeting will be held at 3.00pm on Friday 12th December at the Town Council Offices.	