



MINUTES of the **ORDINARY MEETING** of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber on **MONDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2018.**

Present:

Chris Cherry	Town Mayor
Colin Holden	Deputy Town Mayor
Wendy Agate	
Andrew Barrett-Miles	
Cherry Catharine	
Richard Cherry	
Claire Fussell	
Steve Hansford	
Diane Heckels	
Janice Henwood	
Anne Jones MBE*	
Jacqui Landriani	
John Merrill	
Pru Moore	
Kirsty Page	
Chris Thomas-Atkin*	
Mandy Thomas-Atkin*	
Julian Thorpe*	

* *Denotes non-attendance.*

(19.00)

322. **OPEN FORUM**

A member of the U3A spoke about the possibility of introducing a new Petanque club in Burgess Hill and asked whether a site was available.

Pru Moore advised that Marle Place was a potential site for Boules as there was already a suitable piece of hard ground available. This was proposed to Mid Sussex District Council previously She proposed a motion of support which was supported. It was decided that an official letter be written to the District Council to ask for more focused attention on this matter, as there was already a lot of interest in the proposed new club.

323. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Anne Jones, Chris Thomas-Atkin, Mandy Thomas-Atkin and Julian Thorpe.

324. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

325. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Town Mayor led a tribute to Paul Myles, who passed away last month. Paul did much for the youth in Burgess Hill and his work touched many people. He would be greatly missed. Councillors shared fond memories of Paul, and it was agreed that the Town Council make a donation to Burgess Hill Youth via the fundraising website that was set up in Paul's memory.

326. **BEDELANDS**

Dominic Moore addressed the meeting on three initiatives, namely the Bedelands Adventure Trail, an extension to Bedelands and the Completion of the Green Circle. The presentation is attached at Appendix 1.

Janice Henwood suggested that Dominic circulate the proposals to Manor Field School and Sheddingdean School as they were close to Bedelands. Chris Cherry asked if there would be certain age restrictions on the bridges. Dominic did not believe there would be but these details would be finalised at a later stage.

Pru Moore thanked Dominic for the presentation and suggested that the information be sent to Mid Sussex District Council alongside a report from the meeting.

327. **COUNCIL MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council held on Monday 16 July 2018 were **AGREED** and signed as a correct record.

328. **PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on Monday 20 August and Monday 10 September were **AGREED**.

329. **COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE**

The application for a £3 million loan submitted to the Public Works Loan Board had been approved and would be paid out over the next

two financial years.

Andrew Barrett-Miles explained that a lot of work had been done prior to the loan approval. Greenwoods had been appointed as Project Manager and Quantity Surveyor while Aedas had been appointed as architect. It was hoped that a planning application would be submitted in early 2019. The Steering Committee had outlined many requirements, including the importance of creating a disability-friendly venue and the need for a Changing Places Toilet.

Paddy Hunter Murphy had been appointed as the fundraiser. He would undertake a feasibility study, write a report and fund raise the remaining £2.1million. A fundraising committee would also be set up in order to raise public awareness. It was important to look for sponsors. Dame Vera Lynn and Judy Parfitt had both agreed to be patrons for the project.

Janice Henwood expressed concerns over the potential naming of the venue. It had been agreed that the public should choose the name.

Pru Moore explained that the Council had been approached by people who wanted to hire the facility on a regular basis which showed the level of interest, even before the plans had been submitted.

RESOLVED that:

the contents of the report be noted.

330. **DIARY DATES**

Council received a schedule of forthcoming events as set out in Agenda Item 9 dated 17 September 2018.

RESOLVED that:

the contents of the report be noted.

331. Meeting terminated at 19.50 hours.