

**NOTES** of the **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT KEY AREA GROUP MEETING** held in the Council Chamber on **MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2018** at 18.30 hours.

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**Present:** Kirsty Page Chairman

Cherry Catharine  
Claire Fussell\*  
Diane Heckels  
Janice Henwood  
Colin Holden  
Anne Jones  
Mandy Thomas-Atkin

**Also Present:** Judy Pointing Community Development Officer

*\* Denotes non-attendance*

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(18.30)

Kirsty Page chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.

91. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Claire Fussell.

92. **SUBSTITUTES**

Colin Holden substituted for Claire Fussell.

93. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

94. **NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minute 88 refers - Janice Henwood had left the room for the duration of the Summerhaven grant application discussion.

The Notes of the meeting of the Community Engagement Key Area Group held on Thursday 18 October 2017, having been previously

circulated, were then AGREED and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

95. **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Members noted the Social Media analytics for the period October 2017 to February 2018. It was clarified that Reach is the number of people who see a post and Post Engagement is the number of comments, shares and likes. It was suggested some Councillors would find Social Media training useful.

**RESOLVED** that:

- A) the contents of the report be noted; and,
- B) Councillors Social Media training requirements be ascertained.

96. **GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN**

Members noted the report outlined in Agenda Item 6. The Ward litter-pick events were being finalised and would be publicised. Since the re-opening of McDonald's the amount of litter in the vicinity had increased. McDonald's would be asked to extend their litter patrols in the area.

**RESOLVED** that:

- A) the contents of the report be noted; and,
- B) McDonald's be asked to extend their litter patrols.

97. **MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK**

Members noted the report outlined in Agenda Item 7. Janice Henwood suggested Summerhaven may be willing to hold an activity on Sunday 20 May. The Old Post Office Resource Centre was currently for sale so Signposts and Summerhaven would need to find alternative premises.

**RESOLVED** that:

the contents of the report be noted.

98. **SUMMER FESTIVAL 2018**

Members noted the report on the 2018 Summer Festival, as outlined in Agenda Item 8. It was suggested Burgess Hill Keyboard Club might like to put on an event during the Festival. The open air production of Shakespeare's *The Tempest* would be held in the grounds of Burgess Hill Girls.

**RESOLVED** that:

the contents of the report be noted.

99. **SUMMER FAYRE**

Members noted the report on the 2018 Summer Fayre, as outlined in Agenda Item 9. There would be no Bake Off this year but plenty of other entertainment and activities were planned.

**RESOLVED** that:

the contents of the report be noted.

100. **SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS**

The report outlined in Agenda Item 10 was noted. Members were pleased the events were being organised following consultation with local young people last year.

**RESOLVED** that:

the contents of the report be noted.

101. **ANNUAL GRANT REQUEST**

Members considered the request from Horsham and Mid Sussex Voluntary Action (HAMSVVA) for a £2k Annual Grant towards rent of the Community Room, as outlined in Agenda Item 11.

Members agreed the HAMSVVA Community Room was well used by local groups and would be an even more valuable resource after the community rooms at Martlets Hall closed in June.

Members expressed concern that HAMSVVA supported groups across Mid Sussex so non Burgess Hill groups would also benefit from a Town Council grant. Other Councils should also be asked for grants. East Grinstead provided HAMSVVA with free use of a room at its premises. It was suggested HAMSVVA also approach Haywards Heath Town Council and the Parish Councils to request funding.

Concern was also expressed that HAMSVVA currently had large reserves. Councillors were likely to view a larger grant application more sympathetically when the reserves were reduced.

A report was requested after 1 year to provide an update on the number of Burgess Hill groups and individuals benefited from use of the room.

Colin Holden proposed awarding a grant of £1k for 1 year, seconded by Anne Jones. Four Councillors voted in support of the proposal.

Mandy Thomas-Atkin proposed awarding a grant of £2k for 1 year, seconded by Janice Henwood. Three Councillors voted in support of the proposal.

A grant of £1k was therefore awarded for 1 year initially, to be reviewed at the end of the year. This was subject to a full report being provided at the end of the year outlining the benefit to Burgess Hill users of the Community Room.

**RESOLVED** that:

a grant of £1k be awarded for one year initially, subject to a full report being provided outlining the benefit to Burgess Hill users of the Community Room.

Meeting terminated at 19.20 hours.