

**NOTES of the COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT KEY AREA GROUP MEETING**  
held in the Council Chamber on **19 September 2018** at 18.00 hours.

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**Present:** Diane Heckels Chairman

Cherry Catharine  
Claire Fussell\*  
Janice Henwood  
Anne Jones  
Kirsty Page\*  
Mandy Thomas-Atkin\*  
Chris Thomas-Atkin  
Pru Moore

**Also Present:** Steve Cridland CEO

*\* Denotes non-attendance*

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(18.00)

Diane Heckels chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.

**116. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Claire Fussell, Mandy Thomas-Atkin and Kirsty Page

**117. SUBSTITUTES**

Pru Moore substituted for Kirsty Page and Chris Thomas Atkin substituted for Mandy Thomas-Atkin.

**118. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations were received

**119. PAUL MYLES**

The CEO informed the meeting that the Council had agreed that a donation should be made to the Paul Myles Fund and sought guidance as to what this sum should be. The meeting agreed on an amount of

£100.

**120. NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Notes of the meeting of the Community Engagement Key Area Group held on 19 July 2018, having been previously circulated, were AGREED and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**121. OPEN SPACE, PLAY AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES SURVEY**

MSDC distributed a survey on outdoor and indoor spaces. Members provided responses to the survey which were noted by the CEO.

**RESOLVED** that:

the responses to the survey be conveyed to MSDC

**122. A NATIONS TRIBUTE – BURGESS HILL REMEMBERS**

Members noted the report on the commemoration events planned for the centenary of the end of the First World War as outlined in Agenda item 6. It was suggested that a poster be created and sent to all churches and schools.

**123. COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Two of three events planned for the summer had already taken place. These were a zip wire and inflatables event and an outdoor cinema featuring a Spiderman film. The CEO reported that the provider of the zip wire had not performed very well and could not be recommended. Those who had attended the event had enjoyed it but queues were too long and not enough people could participate due to the slowness of the provider. The age group targeted had not responded to the attraction. The Cinema was a great success although there had been some disruption from a small group of youths. It was felt that a winter event should be considered. Research into what the youth might enjoy should be undertaken by approaching schools and any other ways possible.

It was felt that if funding could be sourced then similar events should be held in 2019. The Chairman of Finance was asked to consider this when drawing up the next budget.

**RESOLVED** that:

The Finance KAG consider providing funds for community events in 2019 during the compilation of the budget..

#### 124. **FESTIVAL AND SUMMER FAYRE**

The success of both these events was acknowledged. The introduction of a Shakespeare evening had drawn a different sector of the community to the festival and it was deemed to be a very successful evening albeit that it was subsidised heavily. It was felt that this event should continue and that it would grow if continued. Similar new events should be introduced.

A competitive event such as a pram race could be considered. If children are involved they bring the adults and the crowds.

There is an opportunity to commercialise the Summer Fayre by introducing a beer tent and a Pimms tent. Money made from these two attractions could be used to pay for other events. In addition more people would be attracted to the event. Similar events held in neighbouring parishes sold alcohol with no negative consequences. It was acknowledged that it was important to keep free and affordable entertainment but that there was room for money to be made to spend on new attractions.

**RESOLVED** that:

1. Commercial events such as a Pimms Tent and a Beer tent be introduced at the Summer Fayre.
2. Funds raised from such commercial events be used to pay for new attractions
3. That the current free and affordable attractions be continued and that a competitive event be considered.

Meeting terminated at 19:00 hours.