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Heathfield Partnership Executive

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 24 January 2017 at 6p.m. at The King's Church.

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| <u>Present:</u> | Colin Williams | - | Chairman & Trustee |
| | Cllr. Jean Holmwood | - | Parish Council |
| | Laura Heales | - | AIRS |
| | Rosemary Mays-Smith | - | Trustee |
| | Cllr Rupert Simmons | - | Trustee |
| | Tim Hough | - | Treasurer |
| | Lyn Plant | - | U3A |
| | Joanne Aldous | - | Town Co-ordinator |
| | Sheran Crichton | - | Minute taker |

1. Apologies:-

1. Were received from Ruth Waller, Margaret Hughes, Tim Williams and Mike Hepworth

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 25 October 2016:-

1. The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising:- (to save duplication, please consult the previous minutes if clarification is needed)

1. (3.1) Swimming Pool. The number of developments in Heathfield is being considered by WDC, with the Swimming Pool the strongest contender.

2. (3.2) This was actioned.

3.(4a) REACTION. Heathfield Park Development. Richard will write to Freedom Leisure and see if there is any update on the plan available.

4. (5.1.) Financial Report. This was actioned.

5.(15.4) Responders' Scheme. REACTION. Tim Williams agreed to advise Mike Hepworth of the sites of PADs, so these can be advised on the Age Concern Buses.

6.(20.2) Any other business. REACTION. Laura confirmed that Adult Social Care Services have a 'safe guarding team' and will email Mike their details.

7.(20.3) Jean could not make the meeting PCC meeting but will send a letter.....ACTION. Laura will talk to Mike.....ACTION The Waldron Church has a team called 'Linked Hands' who are linked to Heathfield and talk to lonely people.

4. Sport & Leisure:-

(a) Swimming Pool

1. There is still hope that developers will build the pool. Discussions are still ongoing concerning the development of Heathfield Park. Cade Street Residents are not happy with the development and are forming a group. A meeting will be taking place on 10 February to discuss the Park and MP Hew Merriman is in favour, Patrick Coffey will represent the PCC and Trevor Goldsmith the traders.

5. Financial Report:-

1. The balance as at January 2017 stands at £63697.62.
2. Mannington's fees have been paid and the Banner at Trading 4 U.

Rupert thanked Jean and her family for their help with the Banner.

6. IT Report/Website:-

1. The last meeting was cancelled due to snow; efforts are being made to convene another meeting.
2. Rupert attended a FM meeting who hope to use heathfield about even more to promote the market, in particular raising highlights from forthcoming markets.
3. There have been 1000 hits on facebook and the website is still healthy with 4000 hits, promoting businesses in Heathfield. The two could interlock for a more comprehensive view.

7. Farmers Market:-

1. There were 15 stallholders in October, 18 in November 14 December and in January only 7 attended.
2. Heathfield FM was not placed in the final three for the Sussex Farmers' Market of the year 2017.
3. At the November market, Cross in Hand Primary School choir attended and BBC Radio Sussex, broadcasting live. The Heathfield Silver Band attended in December.
4. 'Half a stall' has been introduced this year, paying half price, to help prospective stallholders.
5. Jean will enquire whether '21 whiskies' would attend a market free....ACTION

8. Inward Investment:-

(b) Incubator Units:-

1. This is still a high priority for the Partnership with feelers out to find a suitable site. It would be of huge value if the Heathfield Park development could accommodate 'start-up' businesses.

(a) Broadband:-

1. Broadband is still going well with the hope it would receive Government funding. One isolated part of Waldron is still without substantial broadband. However Rupert has received a guarantee from the Chief Executive of BT that the work will be completed by the end of the financial year i.e. March 2017.

9. Transport:-

1. There has not been a meeting for a while and no trips have been undertaken. Since August 2016.

10. LAT:-

1. All policing has been removed from all Wealden Market Towns. Heathfield is now centralised in Hailsham, but although lost, Heathfield Police Station is still in Police ownership.
2. Chief Inspector Leet is allowing the LAT to continue and attended a LAT meeting. It is hoped that he will be able to attend again and help to maintain the connection of all parts of the committee.
3. Pat Clark has given notice to retire as Chair of LATs, but hopes to attend as a committee member.

11. Street Pastors:-

1. There was no report.

12. Churches Together:-

The following report was read out:-

1. **Membership** - We welcomed Kings church into membership, bringing the total number of participating churches to 16.
2. **Donations** - have been made to Heathfield Street Pastors and Heathfield Works!
3. **Christmas Cards** - 6000 were distributed around the neighbourhood giving dates for Christmas services.
4. **Christian Aid** - The question and answer session in the Coop car park regarding climate change went well with lots o conversations about the local environment. 23 written responses were put into a report, which led to a meeting with Huw Merriman.
5. **Lent & Easters** - Meetings will be held at the Community Centre on Sunday Evenings in Lent led by speakers from difference churches with their own format. Good Friday morning will again see the 'Walk of Witness' from Union church.
6. **Cafe Church** - Mainly due to financial reasons and numbers, after 3 ½ years it has been decided to move this to the Community Centre, as an experiment. The Parish Council have agreed to five meetings at no hire cost. Anybody is welcome, whatever the age.
7. **Future Events** - United Services 6.30p.m. 22 January - Welcome Baptist Church
6.30p.m. 5 February - Holy Cross Priory
Lent courses 5 March to 2 April 6.30p.m. Community Centre.
Walk of Witness 14 April 11a.m. from Union Church.

13. Heathfield Works!:-

1. The end of year graduation was a success. Since the programme began 5 years ago, 220 students have successfully graduated. The current team of mentors are very good and determined to keep the service going.
2. Discussion will be taking place with the Chief Executive of Tomorrows People as they have lost their major financier, HSBC, and not replaced.
3. A number of bids are out including one to Gatwick Trust, more details will be given at the Board Meeting.

14. U3A:-

1. The organisation has been going for 2 years and for 2017. 30 people have signed up and paid.
2. Only one group has been lost but more than three have started and four are pending.
3. Publicity is on posters in all village halls, on the net and promoted on Heathfield About.
4. Joanne suggested a stall at the Farmers' Market for speakers and Lyn will forward details of speakers to Joanne.....**ACTION**

15. Responders' Scheme:-

1. There was no report.

16. Age concern:-

1. There was no report.

17. Chamber of Commerce:-

1. The Christmas event was a success, with stalls scattered around the town and Santa at Kings Church, who saw 82 children in 2 1.2 hours. As FM did not charge for the hire of the stalls, Chamber donated £100. AIRS lent Chamber their 'smoothy' bike for the Christmas event.
2. More volunteers are needed to join the committee - anyone interested should contact the chamber Secretary. EMAIL ADDRESS????
3. An open meeting was held on 13 February to discuss the Christmas event and any feedback.
4. In January it was decided to hold breakfast meetings every other month due to low numbers.
5. The Partnership and Chamber will discuss with the PC the Christmas Lights.

18. AiRS:-

1. There is to be another consultation with the community.
2. A workshop event will be run dealing with community transport in the area on 16 February at Boreham Street. 3VA will lead the discussion. The County had to cut 1.6 million from bus services - the Transport committee lobbied hard and held on to most services except one service to Battle. There could be possible problems with the service that goes to Uckfield.

19. Public Relations & Marketing:-

1. The book was available for perusal.

20. Any other business:-

1. The Duke of Edinburgh scheme is under threat of closure but has been retained by Cabinet. This will need to be ratified by the whole Council on 8 February.

21. Dates of the meetings for 2017:-

1. The following dates for the Tuesday meetings at 6p.m. at the Kings Church are as follows:-

18 April

25 July

24 October

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.00p.m.

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