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Heathfield Partnership Executive

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 26 January 2016 at 6p.m. at The King's Church.

Present:	Colin Williams	-	Chairman & Trustee
	Margaret Hughes	-	Churches Together
	Cllr. Jean Holmwood	-	Parish Council
	Dr Tim Williams	-	Neighbourhood Watch - Waldron
	Laura Heales	-	AIRS
	Andy Crosby	-	Heathfield Children's Centre
	Lyn Plant	-	Community
	Joanne Aldous	-	Town Co-ordinator
	Sheran Crichton	-	Minute taker

1. Apologies:-

1. Were received from Tim Hough, Rosemary Mays-Smith, Cllr Rupert Simmons, Bobby Hamilton, John Tolley, Cllr. Dick Angel, Mike Hepworth, Richard Karn and Ruth Waller.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2015:-

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. (4.3.) This has been actioned.
2. (6.4.) An IT meeting has not been held. **There is someone from 3VA who is willing to give pensioners training, Jean will give the name to Joanne.....ACTION** Such a course will start in Hadlow Down and is mentioned in 'Heathfield About'.
3. (7.3.) This has been actioned.
4. (13.3.) Joanne has given the Heathfield Works! team, the person to contact at HCC.
5. (15.2.) This has been actioned.
6. (15.3.) Efforts are being made to try and find an internal member of staff to run it.

4. Sport & Leisure:- A report from Richard Karn:

'Duke of Edinburgh Awards - HCC. There is no clear timetable for a new scheme to be launched as yet and the Head Teacher at HCC is focused in term two on appointing a permanent senior leadership team following a number of temporary appointments last year. However, Richard has contacted her to ask that when this does move to a more robust planning timetable that he is alerted so that appropriate contacts can be made with partnership contributors who may be able to assist or advise.'

(a) Swimming Pool

1. A letter from Sport England in response to Richard Karn's letter was circulated before the meeting.

(b) NCR Route - There was no report.

5. Financial Report:-

1. The balance as at January 2016 stands at £62,750.44.
2. £1500 has been received from WDC for Heathfield Works!
3. Tomorrows People have asked for £15,000 to be transferred from Heathfield Works! to cover their costs.
4. £150 has been received from Waitrose Green Token scheme and has been allocation to the Swimming Pool.

6. IT Report/Website:-

1. A Committee meeting has not been held since the last Executive meeting.
2. Facebook is running well - please either direct post or send into heathfieldabout@heathfield.net.
3. Twitter needs to increase the number of followers; it has the same address as above.
4. The website is receiving about 4500 hits per month.

7. Farmers Market:-

1. The number of stalls at the 2015 markets were September 17, October 18, November 26, December 17 2015 and January 12 (2016).
2. A bid has been submitted to WDC for £2370 for 2016/17 to cover the cost of the organiser, erectors and minute takers. If successful, we will hear in March.
3. The committee agreed to have the community chef, Peter Bayliss, at the June Market.
4. David Turton stepped down as Chairman and Colin has been appointed in his place.
5. All community groups are welcome to have a free stand at the market.

8. Inward Investment:-

(b) Incubator Units:-

1. A suitable site is still being sought.

(a) Broadband:-

1. There was nothing new to report.

9. Transport: -

1. A meeting has not been held since the last Executive meeting and no trips have been undertaken.

10. LAT:-

1. Traffic watch at Chapel Cross/Punnetts Town is not feasible. There is a low accident rate and it has been difficult to find 6 volunteers.
2. Rupert and Sgt. Tombling have had discussions with Neil Honor regarding parking. The PCSO's can enforce parking if it presents a safety hazard i.e. danger or obstruction. However they have to witness this taking place,
3. Crime is fairly low and most thefts are due to negligence i.e. unlocked access to valuables.
4. Allegedly there is a wave of drugs and legal highs but no real evident of this. It is usually groups from outside Heathfield. It has been arranged that Street Pastors will notify the PCSO's of any evidence.
5. Sgt. Tombling reported that all is well and there was no real need for a 5th camera, especially as Waitrose are now in the area that the 5th camera would cover.

10. LAT (cont'd):-

6. There would be some changes of policing areas but it would not really affect Heathfield. Some areas will have PCSO's cut but compared with places like Eastbourne, Heathfield is well off. However, Heathfield Police Station is uneconomical so will probably go by 2017. Research is being carried out to find shared workspace for a small venue. Our PCSO's will still be involved as well as the CCTV monitor.
7. The next meeting will take place on Thursday, 4 February.

11. Street Pastors:-

1. All is going well for the new setup.

12. Churches Together:- The following report was given by Margaret Hughes

*'Donations have been given to Street Pastors and Heathfield Works!
There was an enquiry regarding the whereabouts of the defibrillators and whether training was available.
Training will take place on 30 January at Broad Oak Village Hall from 10.30 to 12.30 run by 1st Responders. Joanne will put the information on the website.... **ACTION**
The final sum raised for Christian Aid at September was just over £1000, making a total donation from Heathfield in 2015 of £2700; £300 down on the previous year. There are plans to have a presence at the next Heathfield Show.
There was a Service at Holy Cross Priory last Sunday as part of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. It was well attended I think by all churches in the group. The next United Service is on 7 February at Welcome Baptist Church. Also on that date, at 12.45, there will be a goodbye event for Rev. David Guest at All Saints Old Heathfield. The next Café church will be held on 12 February from 2 to 9p.m. at the Costa Coffee Shop. Lent Reflections will be taking place on 14 February at 6.30p.m. at the Community Centre.'*

13. Heathfield Works!:-

1. A cohort of 18 started on the 5 January and will finish on the 4 March. Francis Conway has returned to the team on a part-time basis. The next meeting will take place in February.
2. Lisa Crosier, the Task Force Leader, is running a half marathon in Brighton on the 28 February and is raising money for Heathfield Works! There is no pressure for people to sponsor her, however in case here is the link, <http://www.justgiving.com/Lisa-Crozier>

14. U3A:-

1. The next meeting is to be held on 16 February, first anniversary of full meetings.
2. There are now up to 177 members with all groups fully active. 70 people attended the Christmas celebration.
3. There was a publicity drive in January at old people's homes etc. A transport link will be made to try and encourage people to attend courses at the Community Centre.
4. Age Concern has been contacted, but they don't have enough drivers at the moment.
5. **Jean will be sent publicity for facebook....**ACTION****

15. Responders' Scheme:-

1. The team leader is very proactive and good feedbacks are being received.
2. Thanks were given to the Farmer's Market for offering a stall and this was accepted on two occasions.
3. Rotary, Chamber of Commerce and Waitrose have donated £250.
4. To date there are nine active responders and two awaiting training, with the possibility of two or three from Mayfield and Five Ashes.

15. Responders' Scheme (cont'd):-

16. Age concern:

1. The following report was received from Mike Hepworth:-

*'Age Concern have been occupied with the retirement of John Wilson, the car service Manager, after 16 years of service - details were recorded in a recent article in the Courier.
The service is now being administered by Carol Vert and Age Concern have embarked on a recruitment drive to register extra drivers to cover John's previous driving commitments.
After nearly a year, Age Concern are still waiting for the delivery of their new bus from the DfT.'*

17. Heathfield children's Centre:-

1. Andy Crosby gave the following report:-

*'The Children's Centre service is currently going through another restructure, which also includes a merger with Health Visiting services. Unfortunately, with budget cuts, the Centre at Heathfield will no longer be staffed; it is proposed that all Universal Services cease by 31 March 2016. These will include the groups held at Heathfield Children's Centre, Cross in Hand School and All Saints and St Richard C P School.
The existing nine cluster areas, with Heathfield sitting in the Wealden Cluster, will be reconfigured into the three existing Clinical commission group health areas.
A map was shown to the committee showing Heathfield as part of the High Weald, Lewes and Havens CCG. The area runs from Peacehaven to Newhaven up to the Kent borders. There will be a Healthy Child Programme Manager operating the centres across the area whose name is Donna McAdam. With this restructuring, Andy Crosby no longer has a job.
The public will be signposted to the Hub Centre at Uckfield.
In the Parent consultation process which took place in December 2015, many parents expressed their upset and concern over losing these groups. This information was taken to the Cabinet however the decision was upheld in order to meet the substantial financial restraints the County Council are currently faced with.
As part of WDC Summer fun days, there will be a family fun day in Heathfield on 10 August from 10a.m. to 1p.m.'*

18. Chamber of Commerce:-

1. Expo will be held on Wednesday 19 October at the King's Church. Breakfast and network events are still being held.
2. The committee is looking at an evening date on which hold the Christmas event and possibly having stalls set up outside.
3. The Chamber membership starts in April.

19. AiRS:-

1. Volunteer Centre - a steering group is running sessions at the Parish Council offices on Thursday's from 1 to 3p.m. Feedback is being sought whether online or paper, for returning to the Parish Council.
2. It is hoped to hold a meeting in April to ratify the constitution and become a proper organisation.

20. Public Relations & Marketing:-

1. The book was available for perusal with articles on the WDC Community Chef also Huw Merriman MP visiting Heathfield Works!

21. Any other business:-

1. There was general disgust that the Post Office in Heathfield was still closed. It is hoped it will be open in February.
2. Regarding Housing, Rupert and Patrick Coffey are discussing possible sites with WDC.
3. **Joanne will contact the 'Town Guide' regarding promotion of Partnership and Chamber and advised those present of contact details if they wished to send in articles....ACTION**
4. **There is a knitting group in Waldron and details will be emailed to Joanne....ACTION**
5. Maura Fanshawe is putting together a guide for the residents of Waldron and when completed Joanne will link it to the website.

21. Dates of the meetings for 2016:-

1. The following date for the Tuesday meeting is as follows:-

26 April 5 July 18 October 25 October

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