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Heathfield Partnership Executive

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 16 January 2018 at 6p.m. at The King's Church.

Present:	Colin Williams	-	Chairman & Trustee
	Margaret Hughes	-	Churches Together
	Tim Williams	-	First Responders
	Laura Heales	-	AIRS
	Cllr. Rupert Simmons	-	Trustee
	Tim Hough	-	Treasurer
	Joanne Aldous	-	Heathfield Partnership Co-ordinator
	Sheran Crichton	-	Minute taker

1. Apologies:-

1. Were received from Dawn Brock and Lyn Plant

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 24 October 2017:-

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. There were no matters arising.

4. Sport & Leisure:-

(a) Swimming Pool

1. No real movement has happened. The Planning strategy was initially published by WDC, having established 15km of intended 'no development' of commercial or housing on the grounds of pollution to the Ashdown Forest. Bringing forward any planning development would be put on hold.
2. A push towards more housing might make a difference and would give an opportunity to look for a planning gain to make the swimming pool more of a viable project.

5. Financial Report:-

1. The balance as at January 2018 stands at £163,539.96.
2. Wealden Works has received several donations, £6700 from the Coop, two donations from Skills UK amounting to over £4500, £1000 from Proxy Insight and an anonymous donation.
3. A meeting is due to take place soon with Skills UK to negotiate the renewal of the agreement.
4. £350 has been spent on the website to get it up to date.

6. IT Report/Website:-

1. The website and Heathfield About are continuing extremely well. However Twitter has not really caught on. More usage needs to be encouraged.

7. Farmers Market:-

1. Stall numbers - October 15, November 19 and December 19. Stalls for 2017 have increased compared to 2016.
2. There have been 14 enquiries.
3. A First Aid kit has been installed in the trailer and work is continuing on a Health & Safety risk paperwork.
4. FM was not successful in the award for Sussex Food & Drink Awards 2018.
5. Grassington Farm from Chailey will have a stall selling eggs in February.
6. El Banda Burro performed at the November 2017 market.
7. The date leaflet has been revamped and distributed.

8. Inward Investment:-

1. Inward Investment looks after the business interests in Heathfield which are under a serious threat of car parking charges. If sanctioned, CP charges will take two years to put in place and have an effect on public footfall and employment.

(b) Incubator Units:-

1. There was no report.

9. Transport:-

1. There was no report.

10. LAT:-

1. Quarterly meetings, with Chief Inspector Brice in attendance, enables the committee to bring accounts of crime and obtain an account of any progress made.

11. Street Pastors:-

1. More volunteers are needed to be Street Pastors, local training will be available.
2. It is hoped to start a scheme of School Pastors soon.

12. Churches Together:-

1. An autumn social took place on 9 September with 92 people attending.
2. Christmas cards were distributed around Heathfield with details of local church services.
3. Under discussion is a plan to encourage people in the street to talk and pray.

13. Wealden Works:-

1. Achievement awards took place at the beginning of December in front a huge turnout at the Youth Centre. Roger Daltry and Jane Torvill attended. A senior officer from Skills Training UK was very complimentary about the whole event.
2. Discussions are taking place with a new Trust regarding a grant to Wealden Works.
3. On 25 January there will be discussions for a bid from WDC. Hoping to get a 3 year deal.
4. As the law has changed, no self-employed person is allowed to work for one employer, so Heathfield Partnership Trust has employed the Wealden Works employees.

13. Wealden Works (cont'd):-

5. Wealden Works was the Coop's nominated charity and received £6710.74.

14. U3A:-

1. A report was read out as follows:-

Our membership continues to grow (160+), but involvement is still patchy. No-one wants or has time to be involved, other than turning up for meetings. This is probably the usual story in Heathfield.

We had a joint meeting with other local U3A groups from Wadhurst, Mayfield, Hailsham, Hastings and Battle, which proved illuminating. Wadhurst is by far the most dynamic but other groups have similar problem replacing committees. Our committee is due to reach the end of its term in May - but no one has come forward so far. The area groups have agreed that each other's members may attend one interest group without joining that area group, but may only attend monthly speaker meetings by joining, as that is the main source of income.

Our speaker secretary continues to find amazing speakers - we've had all sorts from King Henry VIII in person (!) to a penny arcade man, complete with his machines.

We have a couple of members from nursing homes now and are looking to expand this area - transport being the main difficulty.

15. Responders' Scheme:-

1. Thanks to the website, there are now 11 Responders. It is hope to eventually raise this to 15.
2. The Responders' Scheme received £6900 donation from Coop.
3. 20 defibrulators are in place and have so far saved 4 lives.
4. More CPR training is to be arranged.

16. Age concern:-

1. There was no report.

17. Chamber of Commerce:-

1. The Christmas event was held on 2 December with market stalls and a grotto at the Youth Centre.
2. Three new members have joined the committee.

18. AiRS:-

1. The Voluntary Centre is going through a transition stage as the Chair is stepping down.
2. Ways of developing the service are being investigated.
3. A new project has been set up to give support to groups of individuals, thereby stimulating people who do not have the confidence to develop their ideas or skills. Ann Kenward will be having a stall at the FM to raise awareness.

19. Christian Aid:- There was no report.

20. Brighter Heathfield:-

1. Jean Leniham will be putting together a business plan.
2. Laura will be sorting a relevant computer training scheme.

21. Public Relations and Marketing:-

1. The folder was available for perusal.

22. Any other business:-

1. There was none

23. Dates of the next meeting:-

1. The next meeting has been arranged for Tuesday, 24 April 2018

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.10p.m.

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