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Heathfield Partnership Executive

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 25 July 2017 at 6p.m. at The King's Church.

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| <u>Present:</u> | Colin Williams | - | Chairman & Trustee |
| | Peter Bailey | - | Trustee |
| | Margaret Hughes | - | Churches Together |
| | Cllr Rupert Simmons | - | Trustee |
| | Tim Hough | - | Treasurer |
| | Lin Plant | - | U3A |
| | Ray Cade | - | Street Pastors |
| | Cllr. Lynne Fraser | - | Heathfield & Waldron P.C. |
| | Joanne Aldous | - | Town Co-ordinator |
| | Sheran Crichton | - | Minute taker |

1. Apologies:-

1. Were received from Laura Heales

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 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. 3.(4a) The Heathfield Park development is in abeyance for the time being.
2. 3.(15.4) (20.2) Actioned
2. 8.(7.5) 21 Whiskies are not available.

4. Sport & Leisure:-

(a) Swimming Pool

1. There was no update.

5. Financial Report:-

1. The balance as at July 2017 stands at £165,663.33.
2. Wealden Works has received a considerable amount of money, the balance currently stands at just under £96,000 which will see the project through for the next year.

6. IT Report/Website:-

1. There have been approximately 5500 hits per month.
2. The committee met two weeks ago and it was agreed that the Police section of the website needed updating.

7. Farmers Market:-

1. There were 17 stalls in May, 16 in June, 18 July and so far in August, 16.
2. There have been seven enquiries since April. Two were refused due to duplication, two have booked, two have cancelled and one has not applied.
3. The Partnership Executive has agreed to pay for the Insurance due in May. It will be cheaper at £282.00.
4. A raffle was held during the July market to celebrate 20 years of trading.
5. Cade Street Nursery is not going to continue attending, so there is a need to find a flower seller.
6. Wealden has funds if a banner is needed.

8. Inward Investment:-

(b) Incubator Units:-

1. There has been quite a struggle to find the correct property to convert with Wealden putting restrictions of any new proposals in Heathfield due to Ashdown Forest.

(a) Broadband:-

1. Most of Heathfield has now been completed. However Waldron Centre has still not been connected. There has been up to 96% coverage in the County. A third tender is to go out later this year, but there will be competition,

9. Transport:-

1. No trips have taken place recently and the committee has not met for a long time. However, the majority of bus services were retained due to the committee's input.

10. LAT:-

1. Chief Inspector Emma Brice will be attending the meeting on 10 August to discuss policing in the Parish.
2. The Police Station is not expected to be reinstated.

11. Street Pastors:-

1. The Street Pastors recently celebrated their 10th Anniversary.
2. Ruth Waller has stood down and Ray Cade is standing in for the moment.
3. More Street Pastors are needed to keep the patrols going around Heathfield.

12. Churches Together:-

1. The following report was read out:-

Local Refugees : At the forum meeting in June, Maria Graves spoke of her work as Syrian Refugee Settlement Officer and the commitment for Wealden, like other areas, to settle 40 refugees in the next 5 years. It was decided that representative would ask their congregations for possible properties to rent and volunteers either to teach English as a Foreign Language or could help a Syrian family to settle. George Dearsly would compile a list for Maria. He already has several names.

12. Churches Together (cont'd):-

Christian Aid - The committee has a new chairman - David Gardiner. Following Christian Aid week and other events a cheque for £1700 was sent to Christian Aid.

Annual sponsored Stroll Saturday 16th September.

Sunday 17th September Illustrated Talk by Phil Hinde about his walk from Etchingam to Chichester.

Sanctuary Space at the Heathfield Show - This seemed to be well received, especially the baby feeding, changing area and the Children's space.

United Morning Service was held at the Community Centre in June with people spreading between 2 local restaurants for lunch together afterwards.

Future Events - United Services 6.30pm 13th August - St George's Broadoak. Books will be distributed to all primary school leavers in July

13. Wealden Works:-

1. Funding has now been found for the next 12 months, although bids will continue to be made.
2. There is a cohort of 5 at the moment and the course has been reduced from 10 weeks to 6.
3. Francis Conway has made a welcome return.
4. There is commitment to expand into Horam and Uckfield, moving slowly across the whole of Wealden
4. Stronger relations are being set up with HCC.

14. U3A:-

1. The AGM was held last month and attended by 60 people.
2. U3A now has 150 members with meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 2.30p.m.
3. New Trustees are being sought.

15. Responders' Scheme:-

1. There was no report.

16. Age concern:-

1. There was no report.

17. Chamber of Commerce:-

1. Members are being sought to join the committee.

18. AiRS:-

1. There was no report.

19. Christian Aid:-

1. This was covered by Margaret's report.

20. Public Relations and Marketing:-

1. In May the name of Heathfield Works! was changed to Wealden Works and £5000 had been received from Sussex Community foundation.
2. There was an article in the Sussex Express celebrating 20 years of Farmers' Market.

21. Any other business:-

1. Esso Garage will be closed for 2 to 3 weeks for refurbishments.
2. Car parking in the town will still be free and has been since 2001.

22. Dates of the meetings for 2017:-

1. The following date for the Tuesday meeting at 6p.m. at the Kings Church is as follows:-

24 October

2. Proposed Tuesday dates for 2018:-

16 January
24 April
17 July
23 October

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.12p.m.

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