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Heathfield Partnership Executive

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

Present:	Colin Williams	-	Chairman & Trustee
	Margaret Hughes	-	Churches Together
	Tim Williams	-	First Responders
	Bill Philps	-	Age Concern
	Laura Heales	-	AIRS
	Jean Lenihan	-	Brighter Heathfield
	Joanne Aldous	-	Heathfield Partnership Co-ordinator
	Sheran Crichton	-	Minute taker

1. Apologies:-

1. Were received from Peter Bailey, Cllr. Rupert Simmons, Tim Hough and Ann Kenward

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 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. We have reluctantly agreed to maintain a watching brief on the national funding landscape in order to judge when our project might be best placed to achieve the level of investment required. We are, however, taking an interest in Wealden's assessment of the condition of the Uckfield swimming pool complex. This is now being questioned as to whether it is sustainable. The policy of the Leisure Authority will be well worth monitoring as there is doubt as to whether building a swimming pool for both Heathfield and Uckfield can be justified. Discussions on this subject will be of interest for the whole community and the offer of full planning permission and a 125 year peppercorn lease may well be worth putting on the table. Rupert is keeping a watching brief.

5. Financial Report:-

1. The balance as at 24 October 2017 stands at £166,640.23. **The Report is attached.**

6. IT Report/Website:-

1. The ICT Committee has not met since the 4 July and the next meeting is to be scheduled for either the end of this year/beginning 2018. The Police section of the website has now been updated and is now just a signposting page to the Police website. From August Joanne has taken over responsibility for social media - Facebook and Twitter - heathfieldabout

7. Farmers Market:-

1. Stalls numbers - July 18, August 15, Sept 16 and Oct 15. Eleven enquiries have been received since the last meeting. Most of them have been accepted, however we are waiting to have confirmation.
2. Stalls numbers have increased over the last 3 months compared to the same markets (July, August and Sept 2016).
3. The Farmers' Market is 20 years old this year. A Raffle was held at the July market and prizes were donated by stallholders up to the value of £5. Winners collected/chose at the August market. With 204 raffle tickets given out, it showed that there were 250 customers, as some people didn't take a ticket. Half of the stalls gave out a prize.
4. 500 extra date leaflets were printed in lieu of a banner and paid for by WDC.
5. Christmas - will this will be publicised 18 Nov and 16 Dec and give opportunities for Xmas shopping. Twelve previous stallholders have been emailed together with a previous nine enquirers, to see if they want to book a stall. The Warble Singers are booked for Dec and will collect for charity. El Banda Burros have been booked for the November market and will collect for charity.
6. Cade Street Nursery has been replaced with River Mead Nursery.
7. There is a need to find an egg seller from January 2018. Badgers Mead Farm was contacted with whom discussion are taking place.
8. The Heathfield Farmers' Market has the largest number of stalls per market, compared to the other local market town markets.

8. Inward Investment:-

(b) Incubator Units:-

1. There was no report.

(a) Broadband:-

1. The County Council are continuing to complete all the rural stretches of the whole county and a further investment is due for the Waldron village centre, this autumn.

9. Transport:-

1. A trip was undertaken on the 7 October by the Youth Centre members to Chessingham World of Adventure and the Partnership paid the cost of the coach hire.

10. LAT:-

1. Chief Inspector Emma Brice attended the meeting on the 10 August, and has agreed to attend quarterly meetings to discuss policing in the Parish. The next meeting has been agreed for the 17 November and will be held in the Kings Church, State Hall.

11. Street Pastors:-

1. There was no report.

12. Churches Together:-

1. The following report was read out:-

Local Refugees:- 6 Offers of help have been passed to Maria Graves, Wealden's Refugee Settlement Officer including language and general help, an offer of voluntary work and possibly one offer of accommodation. Also a box of English Language resources.

Meeting Point/Café Church:- Café Church has not only changed its name but also the venue. It is now going to meet in the Union Church Coffee Lounge, with a speaker, discussion and social chat. The next meeting will probably be in January - Everyone Welcome

Le Marche - The provision of Lunches etc at the Union Church went well, and raised over £600.

in July **United Evening Service** at Union Church was well attended and offered an opportunity to meet Rev, Christian Mitchell, the new minister of the combined parishes of Old Heathfield & St Richards. We also had a short report from people from Kings Church who go out into the High Street and offer to talk and pray with people. Plans are in hand for a day in June when people from many churches will be out on the Heathfield Area, offering to talk and pray with people

Other News - The new Circuit Minister has arrived at Cross in Hand Methodist Church - She is Rev Sheila Foreman

All Saints/St Richards have a monthly group for people who feel lonely, poorly, or just old. Waldron Parish have a Monday 'Linked Hands' meeting for the elderly. Details of many events are in the Age concern Newsletter.

Future Events -

Autumn supper at The Bear 9th November - Sir Jeremy Cooke will speak on 'Rough Justice'

United Services 6.30pm 12th November- Christ Church Horan

Books will be distributed to all primary school leavers

Christian Aid -Annual sponsored Stroll in September raised over £700 (including Gift Aid) for the general funds; to which was added £27 from St Richard's Tradecraft. Phil Hinde's illustrated talk about his walk from Etchingam to Chichester raised a further £121 for the South Asia Flood Appeal.

13. Wealden Works:-

1. The current cohort consists of 4 students and now operates on a roll on/roll off programme.
2. A revenue cash flow has been produced to ensure Wealden Works are sound not only for the first year but years two and three.
3. The staff team will soon become employees of the Partnership as if self-employed, they are not able to work for just one employer.
4. The second Wealden Works Executive Committee is being held on Thursday, 26 October and a Wealden Works Board meeting was held on Tuesday 5 September.

14. U3A:-

1. The report was read out as follows:-

We recently hosted a meeting of nearby U3A districts, to see how we can help each other. These included Wadhurst, Hailsham Battle and Hastings. It was a really useful meeting and we will be cooperating more often in the future - from joining some groups together (singing for fun is one we are working on) to sharing information we have which could be useful to others. One suggestion for a joint group is Audio Visual, which combines photos with music, sound effects and narrative. Our Ray Tratt will be setting this up if there is enough interest. Wadhurst will be hosting a Music and Wellbeing event next year, which we will be invited to, and we are considering what other joint events we can hold.

We currently have 160+ members, with 40 - 50 attending the monthly meetings with speakers. October's speaker was a former Scotland Yard Detective and November's is concerning Henry VIII. We have interest groups ranging from Book clubs to Science and Technology and welcome new members

15. Responders' Scheme:-

1. The following report was received:-

Tim Williams reported that the Heathfield and Waldron First Responder scheme (charity number 1155472) is well on its way to having 15 trained Responders, with at least nine currently active in responding to several hundred 999 calls a year in support of the South East Coast Ambulance Service under whose umbrella (and liability cover) they work. They attend medical emergencies to which they are directed by SECAmb. They cannot be contacted directly by the public, nor provide First Aid other than in response to emergency calls (999, 112 or in some cases through the NHS helpline 111). The area of operation now extends in and around Heathfield as far as Mayfield, Broad Oak, Rushlake Green and Horam.

All Responders are trained in emergency medical care, especially cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of defibrillators: they demonstrate both to the public at organised sessions, and also help to raise money for Public Access Defibrillators (PADs). Over twenty PADs have now been installed in Heathfield and surrounding communities, thanks to generous support by councillors such as Nigel McKeeman and organisations such as Heathfield Co-op which raised £6,900 this year. The Responder scheme is supported by Heathfield Vets during 2017.

The location of the PADs (most are available 24/7 in unlocked cabinets and advice on CPR are available at www.heathfield.net/local-information under Local Info (or go to heathfield.net, highlight the top heading News, Events & Local Info then click bottom right on Local Information).

The Responder scheme is seeking a Secretary to take Minutes and assist with some limited administration. Although unpaid, it is rewarding to have contact with dedicated volunteers and positive feedback from the community. If you are interested, or wish to arrange a demonstration of CPR and how to use the defibrillators, please contact chairman Dr Tim Williams (01435 812273; twill30999@aol.com) or Team leader Theo Parfitt (theo.parfitt.cfr@hotmail.com).

16. Age concern:-

1. Bill reported that the newsletter is now on the website and a Christmas edition will be coming out in December. Thanks to the Co-op the newsletter is now being produced in colour.
2. An electronic diary is now attached to the website enabling volunteers to view work schedules.
3. Age Concern has three people running the car service, one sorting out the diary and two people looking for volunteer drivers for one week on and one week off. Although there are forty drivers 'on the books', more are still needed.
4. Mayfield Age Concern is closing down and Heathfield will take this over and discussions are taking place regarding taking their bus for Heathfield shopping trips.
5. Although a new bus has been provide, old buses will still be kept and used.
6. A 'Menshed Movement' will hopefully be created, however this will need a big shed (600 to 800 sq.ft) and premises are being sought. This will be for retired people (aged over 60) who wish to get together, talk and maybe work on their projects. Public Liability will be added to the bus's insurance.

17. Chamber of Commerce:-

1. The Christmas event will be held on Saturday, 2 December. It will begin at 10.00a.m. and finish at 3.00p.m. There will be a grotto with children's activities at Kings Church, stalls in the WDC car park behind Tesco, primary school choirs singing, with other entertainment and a shop window front competition being run by Beat the Street and called Heathfield PuzzleTrail.
2. Does anyone know someone who runs one of the play groups/pre-school, as we are looking for help on the 2 December with activities for the youngsters??

18. AiRS:-

1. Laura Heales agreed that the 'Menshed' was a good idea and Mayfield and Hellingly have started one. Apparently strands of funding are available from different sources.

19. Christian Aid:-

1. This was covered in Margaret Hughes' report, Agenda 12.

20. Public Relations and Marketing:-

1. The folder was available with articles on Farmers' Market and The Heathfield Trust Partnership Limited AGM.

21. Any other business:-

1. Rupert Simmons attended a WDC meeting in Hailsham regarding Car Parking charges and advised that he has requested more time to look at this. The WDC Leader confirmed that he will try and get more time, which if achieved, would be of a great benefit to Heathfield.
2. Jean Lenihan attended the meeting representing 'Brighter Heathfield'. Up to fifteen volunteers go out on Tuesdays, although some volunteers work other days, picking up any rubbish, weeding around shops and cleaning streams.
3. Jean was concerned that the Youth Club was not providing extended hours so members could practise music. Jean has discussed this with the Parish Council and is hoping for an improvement in hours.
4. 'Brighter Heathfield' will be added as an agenda item.

22. Dates of the meetings for 2018:-

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

16 January
24 April
17 July
23 October

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.08p.m.

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