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Heathfield Partnership Executive

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 22 October 2019 at 6p.m. at The King's Church.

<u>Present:</u>	Paula Gear	-	Chairman & Trustee
	Peter Bailey	-	Trustee
	Tim Williams	-	First Responders
	Cllr Dick Angel	-	Wealden District Council
	Lyn Plant	-	U3A
	Joanne Aldous	-	Heathfield Partnership Co-ordinator
	Sheran Crichton	-	Minute taker

1. Apologies:-

1. Were received from Cllr Rupert Simmons, Margaret Hughes, George Dearsley, Tim Hough, Dawn Brock, Richard Karn and Lynne Fraser.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 30 July 2019:-

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 none.

4. Sport & Leisure:-

(a) Swimming Pool

1. The following report was received:-

Richard Karn had a feedback from Sport England stating that unless the pool is part of the Local Plan, the project won't get through the first huddle of funding.

Following a meeting with Isobel Garden, WDC, in June, Richard Karn spoke to the consultants, who are undertaking the review of leisure facilities, who had also visited the school on the 30 Sept.

The consultants confirmed that WDC have leisure pools which is unusual as usually the pools are a mix of leisure and fitness. Their report should be ready for WDC's Full Council in November or early next year

5. Financial Report:-

1. At a recent Board Meeting it was agreed that accounts would now show figures under relevant headings only.
The bank balance at September 2019 was £211,963.00

6. IT Report/Website:-

1. No ICT meetings have taken place since 24 January. The website is receiving just over 4000 hits per month. Broadband coverage is now complete for the parish.

7. Farmers Market:-

1. The following report was received from Joanne:-

Paula Gear will be taking over the role of Chair, as agreed at the Board meeting held in July. I will be taking over the role of treasurer which was due to happen at the end of this financial year.

Stall numbers:- 18 in August, 18 in September and 15 in October. Seven enquiries were received with one booking.

As discussed at the last Executive meeting, a form was devised for businesses to sign if they do not supply a copy of an insurance certificate.

The last WDC's Farmers' Market meeting took place on 10 September when the WDC Christmas events leaflet and a promotional campaign in March was discussed.

The next FM meeting is being held on 5 November when paperwork for 2020 will be discussed.

Heathfield Community College had a stall in September and will be having another stall in January in order to raise funds for their trip to Uganda.

8. Inward Investment:-

1. No committee meeting has taken place since August 2018.

2. There is still a need to make representation to seek discounts on business rates for retailers in Heathfield and also make representation to landlords regarding rent increases.

(a) Incubator Units:-

1. It was reported that no suitable location has been found.

9. Transport: -

1. There was no report.

10. LAT:-

1. The last meeting was held on the 13 May with Inspector Gross in attendance, who visited Wealden Works on 8 July after asking for information on the project.

11. Street Pastors:-

1. The following report was received from George Dearsley:-

Heathfield Street Pastors continue to patrol on three Friday evenings of each month (4 when there are 5 Fridays) and one Friday afternoon.

The last few weeks have been particularly busy with young people coming in from other local towns.

The Street Pastors regularly visit Heathfield Youth Centre and talk to the young people and staff members. Street Pastors are represented on the recently formed Heathfield Youth Committee.

Four new Street Pastors have recently completed sufficient training to enable them to go out on patrol. They are to be commissioned at an evening service at 6p.m. on 3 November at St Richard's Church.

There are two further people who have just started training. This will double the number of Street Pastors who will be available to patrol early next year.

11. Street Pastors (cont'd):-

1. The following report was received from George Dearsley:-

Heathfield Street Pastors are now in their 12th year of patrolling, having started with 15 pastors in 2017, 4 of which are still going out regularly. The numbers went down to 6 for reasons of age and health, so it is pleasing to have the new recruits come on board.

A new co-ordinator has recently joined the team - Mrs Gill McMahon. Gill may be contacted on the following email address - heathfield@streetpastors.org.uk.

Heathfield Street Pastors are looking for new members to join the Management Committee and to become trustees. If anyone is available and interested they should contact Gill on the email address above.

There may well be a funding issue next year as the annual fee to the Ascension Trust, who are the Street Pastors National overseers, is likely to increase significantly. Nationally there are nearly 300 Street Pastors' teams in towns, cities and villages. Also initiatives are now starting in other parts of the world. Locally, Churches Together in Heathfield & District, sponsor Heathfield Street Pastors.

12. Churches Together:-

1. The following report was provided:-

The breakfast event in July resulted in a donation of £80 to the Beachy Head Chaplaincy.

Le Marche was very successful and enjoyable; refreshments and lunches in the Union Church raised over £600 for our funds.

The United service at Gamelands in August was an opportunity to meet their new minister, Irena Byron, and was well attended; as was the one at St Phillips Burwash, despite threatened road closures resulting in alterations of timing. At this service we all learnt how to sing Evensong!

We held a 24 hour prayer vigil on the 11 and 12 October and a United service at Christ Church Horam on 20 October.

On 7 November, we are holding our Autumn Supper at The Bear where Dr Jane Woodgate will speak on 'The Millions'.

The next United Service is at 6.30p.m. on 17 November at St Georges Broad Oak.

13. Wealden Works:-

1. Joanne made the following report:-

At the Stakeholder Committee meeting held on 27 September, hiring a professional fundraiser was discussed and the Works Board has agreed to look into this further with a view to starting in April 2020, as it was felt that help was needed on bids to large grant funding bodies.

The Achievement Award evening is being held on 3 December at the Youth Centre - 6.15 to 7.15p.m.

The meeting with Hailsham Community College is currently being arranged.

14. Youth Initiative:-

1. Joanne made the following report:-

The last committee meeting was held on 13 September and summer trips, fundraising and setting up a Student council was discussed.

The Student Council could give their input into what they would like to take place at the Youth Centre also grants could be submitted in their name.

The Reverend Mitchell has just joined the committee.

The Rotary bike ride, held on 14 July, raised £266 and le Marche raised £600.

14. Youth Initiative (cont'd):-

1. Joanne made the following report (cont'd):-

A bid to the Parish Council will be made in November.

It was suggested to look at submitting a small grant application to WDC in November.....ACTION

15. U3A:-

1. The stall at Le Marche was very successful with over 50 people showing an interest. At monthly meetings, an extra 15 people are attending.

2. However new people are needed on the committee. If anyone is interested please email - linpU3A@hotmail.com.

Cross-in-Hand Amenities Society:-

3. Over £600 was raised for Mr. Plant's memorial. A specimen silver birch has been purchased and planted near the pond, together with an oak post and commemorative plaque.

4. There are working parties being arranged on Sundays for rhododendron clearances and path laying.

16. The Heathfield & Waldron Responder Scheme (Charity No: 1155422):-

1. Report from Tim Williams (Chairman) was as follows:-

Heathfield & Waldron First Responder scheme had six trained Responders active in responding to 56 emergency medical 999 calls during 2019 until the end of September, in support of the South East Coast Ambulance Service under whose umbrella (and liability cover) they work, A First Responder on average reaches a medical incident seven minutes ahead of the ambulance crew, who take over. The Responders have spent a total of 709 hours (41-153 hours each month) on call during 2019 until the end of September, and have spent 43 hours at the scene of incidents - all unpaid.

Over twenty PADs have now been installed in Heathfield and nearby communities, thanks to generous input by Councillors such as Nigel McKeeman, local organisations including supermarkets and Heathfield and Waldron Rotary Club who have been consistently supportive.

Heathfield & Waldron Parish Council has agreed to fund replacement items for the seven Public Access defibrillators for which they have assumed responsibility and which the Responder scheme has agreed to maintain and regularly review until September 2025.

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 (or go to heathfield.net, highlight the top heading News, Events & Local info, then click bottom right on Local Information.

The Responder scheme is committed to supporting SECamb and now needs further Responders. Although unpaid, it is rewarding to have contact with other dedicated volunteers and positive feedback from the community. If you are interested in becoming a Responder, 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 Hannah Crush (Hannah.crush@btinternet.com). More information about the scheme is available on the internet at www.heathfieldcfr.co.uk OR www.facebook.com/HeathfieldandWaldronResponders OR www.secamb.nhs.uk/our_services/community_first_responders.aspx

17. The Community:-

- a) Heathfield & District Volunteer Centre:- This is now only open on Mondays.
- b) Le Marche:- A great success. A committee is to be set up to discuss a Le Marche type VE day.
- c) Rotary:- Trevor Goldsmith is now the current President. It is hoped to repeat the Classic car fun day next as it was very successful.
- d) Twining:- There was no report
- e) Brighter Heathfield:- Received £100 from Le Marche. £600 was received from the Coop. A girl from Heathfield Community College, who is partaking in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, has chosen Brighter Heathfield.

18. Age Concern:-

1. Report from Dawn Brock as follows:-

Following our attendance at the Heathfield and Waldron Rotary Fun Day and Le Marche, we have gained two new volunteer drivers for our medical car service. We have recently send home flyers with all children in the local primary schools aimed at parents and grandparents and asking for help with our services - we are hopeful this will generate some younger volunteers who can not only offer to drive during the day, but may also be able to assist with administrative duties.

Next year we shall be celebrating 30 years of supporting the elderly and disabled members of Heathfield and surrounding villages, and it is hope that we shall have a special 30th Anniversary edition of our newsletter together with an event which will include not only our regular clients, but also volunteers both past and present. The Men's Shed project is going from strength to strength and has been successful in attracting funding from the Parish Council, Chalk Cliff Trust and National Lottery. Our planning application is about to be submitted for the building of our larger workshop, building alongside our small office building and it is hope that if this all goes smoothly, we can start the next phase of our building plans early in 2020. Meanwhile, the members of the Men's Shed will be having stalls at the Farmers Market in November and December and are helping by marshalling at the Bonfire Society event on 26 October.

Positive talks have taken place with Eastbourne 3VA and a number of suggestion are being considered as to how we can support each other in the future,

19. Chamber of Commerce:-

1. The Christmas Chamber event is on 20 November, with late night shopping taking place on 5 and 12 December.

20. AiRS:-

1. There was no report. **Joanne will check whether Laura Heals is still involved.....ACTION**

21. Christian Aid:-

1. Information can be found in the Churches Together report.

22. Public Relations and Marketing:-

1. The folder was available for perusal with good articles on the Classic Car Fun Day.

23. Any other business:-

1. There were no reports.

24. Dates of the 2020 Tuesday meetings are as follows and at the King's Church:-

07 January 28 April 07 July 20 October

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

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