

# HEATHFIELD PARTNERSHIP TRUST LTD

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## Heathfield Partnership Executive

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 30 April 2019 at 6p.m. at The King's Church.

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	Colin Williams	-	Chairman & Trustee
	Cllr Rupert Simmons	-	Trustee
	Tim Williams	-	First Responders
	Margaret Hughes	-	Churches Together
	Paula Geezar	-	Director of Heathfield P/ship
	Peter Bailey	-	Trustee
	Cllr. Dick Angel	-	Wealden D. Council
	Mandy Jarvis	-	Age Concern
	Richard Karn	-	Trustee/Swimming Pool
	Joanne Aldous	-	Heathfield Partnership Co-ordinator
	Sheran Crichton	-	Minute taker

### 1. Apologies:-

1. Were received from Tim Hough, Lyn Plant and Lynne Fraser

### 2. Minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2019:-

1. Once the following alterations were made i.e. 4.1. Karn, 9.2. Tim and 10.1. Gross. 16.d.3.3. should read Heathfieldabout facebook page, 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. Richard's principal activity is to co-ordinate activities in pursuit of securing a swimming pool in Heathfield.
2. The support of the National Lottery through Sport England is fundamental to securing a significant start to fund raising and over the last twelve months Sport England have made it clear that unless provision of a swimming pool is part of the WDC Local Plan it will not meet the criteria for a funding application. Even with these criteria's met, Lottery funding may remain challenging as it tends to be directed to areas of perceived deprivation.
3. There are limited funds available as a result of previous fund raising efforts and a decision to invest these in the services of a professional fund raiser has been considered. Timing for such a decision is however critical and we wish to conserve this flexibility until the funding landscape is considered favourable. We therefore continue to seek guidance from Sport England to help make this decision.

**4. Sport & Leisure (cont'd):-**

*(a) Swimming Pool*

4. Over the last six months efforts have been applied to ensuring that the provision of a pool in Heathfield is clearly stated within the WDC Local Plan and that it is fully supported by WDC. The case for the pool will need to be revisited in light of the substantial house building development which has taken place and is scheduled to take place over the next few years within the catchment area of Heathfield.
5. Although planning permission has been granted and sufficient work has taken place to ensure that this does not lapse. It will however be necessary to review build and running costs to update the project plan ahead of fund raising. Further, based on feedback from Sport England about the cost estimate of the current planned building and infrastructure along with potential improvements in technology since this was last specified, we may need to seek modifications to the original planning permission.
6. WDC has a new director of Leisure and Planning. A meeting has been scheduled for Rupert and Richard to discuss the project in early June 2019. This will give the opportunity to discuss the Pool Project within the context of the existing infrastructure operated by WDC. In particular we seek to understand whether building a new pool in Heathfield might allow the existing facility in Uckfield to be redeveloped to provide expansion opportunities for Uckfield Community College

**5. Financial Report:-**

1. The Board carried out a review of viability and found it to be sound for at least another year.

**6. IT Report/Website: -**

1. A Committee meeting on 24 January discussed social media and the website, also addressing GPR.

**7. Farmers Market:-**

1. Stall numbers were 13 in January, 19 in February, 13 in March, 16 in April and to date 18 in May.
2. Huw Merriman, MP, attended the April market as an Easter hunt was held, hat parade and competition and he was to judge the hat competition with John Miller, Co-op Manager. Unfortunately no-one entered the hat competition but this did allow Huw to speak individually to the stallholders. Ten youngsters took part in the hunt. There was no cost to the market as the Co-op kindly sponsored the eggs. A press release has been sent out to the local press and will go on the website and social media.
3. The March market was affected by windy weather conditions and the consensus of stallholders is not to cancel a market, if too windy. Therefore, as the stalls could not be put up, they sold from their cars.
4. Total number of enquiries since last meeting: 12 - 2 were accepted and one of those booked.
5. The next committee meeting will be held on the 14 May.
6. At the last committee meeting held on the 29 January the following was discussed: having music, the use of a fire pit was ruled out, 6 new covers were purchased and a note was walked round to all businesses in the town offering a stall and 1 enquiry was received but no bookings from businesses.
7. The last WDC's farmers' market meeting was held on the 22 January which discussed 'Love Your Local Markets' (LYLM). The campaign runs between 17th - 31st May 2019 and WDC will be sending out a press release to all the local markets. The next WDC's farmers market will be held on the 11 June. There is a new officer from WDC chairing the meeting.
8. The Chamber has asked if a banner/signage can be displayed directing people to the shops, this has been confirmed by Joanne.

**8. Inward Investment:-**

1. With regard to the WDC's Local Development Plan, the Partnership made 27 responses to the consultation. There will be an enquiry held at the end of this coming month.
2. The Inspector is trying to identify if the principals are agreeable before hearing from some of those (including the Partnership and Parish Council) who responded to the consultation.
3. The Inspector's findings are due in June and will confirm whether the proposed sites listed on the plan will be approved.
4. The four primary Landowners have been approached with regard to the Business Rates, concerning excess increases in lease costs which are putting pressure on retailers.
5. Three members of the Chamber of Commerce are working in conjunction with retailers. Rupert has attending two meetings to help make progress on small targets.

***(a) Incubator Units:-***

1. There was no report.

**9. Transport:-**

1. There was no report.

**10. LAT:-**

1. The new Police Inspector, Jon Gross, attended a meeting on the 13 May.

**11. Street Pastors:-**

1. The following report was presented:-

Churches Together and Street Pastors are having an information stand at **Dudwell St Mary's summer fete** on 20<sup>th</sup> July. We have also been invited to eat with and befriend a resident. Street Pastors are attending training courses.

**12. Churches Together:-**

1. The following report was made by Margaret Hughes:-

The big happening of late has been **Easter**. We met each Sunday evening during Lent for reflections on 'Why did Jesus Pray?'. Sessions were led by different church leaders and followed by lively discussions among the 60 or so people present.

As usual Good Friday was marked by a 'Walk of Witness' through Heathfield High Street, beginning and ending with worship and fellowship at the Union Church

**An invitation has been issued by Chichester Diocese**, inviting people of all denominations to join in two events based on 'Thy Kingdom Come'. The first of these is in Eastbourne today and the second is a celebration of Pentecost at The Dome in Brighton on June 9<sup>th</sup>, with prayer from 2-6 and Evening *Worship* beginning at 7pm. If interested please contact me. And I will give contact details.

Tomorrow is the **CTH AGM** at Cross in Hand Methodist Church, starting at 7.30pm. The meeting will start with a speaker from 'Sussex Pathways' - 'supporting offenders from the inside out' All are welcome.

We are again planning to have a Sanctuary Space at the Heathfield show, for people to have a time of quiet and attend to the needs of babies and small children and a children's play area.

Books will, again be distributed to all primary school leavers

**12. Churches Together (cont'd):-**

**St Richards Church are holding a fete on 12<sup>th</sup> June, This is planned as a community event rather than a fundraiser. United Services - at 6.30pm -19<sup>th</sup> May -Etchingam Church.**

**13. Wealden Works:-**

1. A new member of the mentor team has joined and will be on a six month's trial. He is a former graduate of Wealden works. One of the existing mentors has had their hours increased.
2. The contract with Skills Training UK has been extended to 2022, this helps to fuel funding resources.
3. Links with HHC continue with the Wealden works team working with the Principal to help recognise pupils who are heading towards NEET.

**14. The Heathfield & District U3A:-**

1. Tim Williams made the following report:-

The U3A (<https://u3asites.org.uk/heathfield/welcome>) also flourishes, with over 180 members. New members are welcome, and may relish the opportunity to socialise, hear talks and participate in activities of mutual interest at little expense - a marvellous antidote to potential loneliness! There are now over a thousand U3As nationally with more than 400,000 members who enjoy social activities and pastimes; most with an educational element but the organisation is not academic as such.

We have been grateful for the chairmanship of Lin Plant, who retires at the AGM on 18 June (2 - 4 pm), and we are deeply saddened by the recent death of her husband John who has done so much for this organisation (and for Darcy's Wood, through the Cross-in-Hand Amenity Association).

At the AGM. in the Community Centre, a chairman to replace Lin Plant is being sought and the post will be strongly backed by the committee. Usual tenure is 1-3 years, so the post is essentially nominal. Please contact a member of the committee (via the website) if you are interested, and also spread the word about U3A, especially to new residents in and around Heathfield.

There is a big Sussex U3A Network (SUN) event on Sussex Spirit, Myths & Legends on Saturday July 13th (10am-5 pm) at Sussex University in Falmer - well worth attending (see the website for details).

However, the proposed celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Lunar Landing on 20 July has been cancelled, for lack of internal support.

There is a monthly full U3A meeting on the afternoon of the third Tuesday of each month in the Community Centre, with visiting speaker.

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

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

The Scheme flourishes, under Team Leader Hannah Crush who has succeeded Theo Parfitt and there are currently six Trustees and eight active Responders.

The 999 operator knows the location of the nearest defibrillator (and also the code if the cabinet is code protected).

Defibrillators (PADs - Public Access Defibrillators, sometimes labelled AEDs = Automatic External Defibrillators) are widely distributed (see [heathfield.net](http://heathfield.net) → Heathfield Partnership → Local Information) and now number over twenty two.

Thanks to generous community donations through the Co-op, four more AEDs (automatic external defibrillators) are being purchased. Several Parish Councils have agreed to fund replacement items needed for the AEDs provided by the Responder scheme, which Responders will maintain free of charge.

**15. The Heathfield & Waldron Responder Scheme (Charity No: 1155422) (cont'd):-**

Demonstrations and talks on cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and how to use defibrillators are available for no charge, and one is planned for 2pm on 30 July at Christ Church in Horam. Fund raising events (golf, quiz nights and the like) are ongoing. The AGM is being held at 7 pm on Wednesday 12 June at the Heathfield Ambulance Station on the Burwash Road.

**16. The Community:-**

a) **Heathfield & District Volunteer Centre** - There was no report.

b) **Le Marche**.- Planning is going forward with good bookings for stalls and the brochure is being prepared.

c) **Rotary**.- Heathfield and Waldron Rotary Club (President Roger Clark) is hosting a Classic Car Family Fun Day as a charity event on the Cattam (Waldron's Recreation Ground) on Sunday 11 August from noon - 5 pm. The one in 2017 was blessed by sunshine and very successful. Entry is free.

d) **Twining**.- There was no report.

e) **Brighter Heathfield**.- The community donated many bulbs which have been planted around Sainsburys. Planters have also been donated by Round Wood and the Heathfield Tip donated a planter which is outside St Wilfrid's Hospice.

**17. Age Concern:-**

1. The Minibus service and medical car services go from strength to strength. Three minibuses are booked out every day of the week, if drivers are available.
2. The medical service team would like to provide the ability to take relatives to visit patients, however this cannot be put in to practice due to lack of drivers.
3. The 'Men Shed", which started in New Zealand, has over 400 projects in the UK with 200 in the stage of development. A site has been offered at Tinkers Nursery School, just outside Heathfield.
4. There will be a small building first with clean shed, office and rest room. Planning Permission will be needed for larger projects.
5. It was suggested that liaison between Heathfield net should be made, for publicity, to cover the launch of the shed.

**18. Chamber of Commerce:-**

1. A meeting was held on the 8 April with Chamber, Parish Council and Kings Church representatives to discuss the Christmas event and working together. The event will be held on Saturday 30 November, with the Parish Council's turning on the lights on the tree on the same day, looking at starting in the afternoon and the shops staying open late.
2. The new membership year started on the 1 April so currently seeing who renews/joins.

**.19. AiRS:-** There was no report.

**20. Christian Aid:-**

1. Christian Aid Week – 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> May Collections in the High Street 17<sup>th</sup> & 18 and at the Coop on 18<sup>th</sup>. Envelopes with donations can be returned to Gemini in Heathfield or Broad Oak Spar.  
1<sup>st</sup> May – Coffee Morning St Georges from 10.30am. 11<sup>th</sup> May – Big Becky at 8.30am Welcome Church.  
Suggested donation £5 - Booking Janet Cole 01435 864646.

**21. Public Relations and Marketing:-**

1. The folder was available for perusal.

**22. Any other business:-**

1. There were no reports.

**23. Dates of the next meeting:-**

1. The dates for 2019 are on Tuesdays - 30 July, 22 October

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

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