

LA151 NOMINATE MEMBERS TO SERVE ON HERITAGE & TOURISM COMMITTEE

The following Councillors were nominated to serve on the Heritage & Tourism Committee

- Cllr. R Robertson
- Cllr. J Harris

Cllr. D Neave proposed
Cllr. B Gosling seconded

Agreed

Debate:-

Cllr. D Neave requested that local resident Peter Seed be included on the committee.

Cllr. R Coles requested a bi monthly report by the Committee to the L&A Committee

LA152 CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Butterfly Nursery School

The Butterfly Nursery School in Greenwich House have reported incidents recently of Anti-Social Behaviour within the Meridian Centre, involving acts of vandalism against the Nursery School building, whilst children were on the premises.

If anyone has any information on any acts of criminality or ASB, please do pass these directly to Sussex Police on 101 or www.sussex.police.uk/contact-us/report-online.

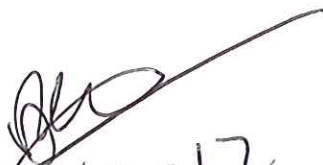
Centenary Park

Motorbikes are becoming more of a feature in Centenary Park. We would like to remind residents that this is public open space, for recreation which does not include riding any type of motor vehicle.

Reports have been made to the police and there is CCTV footage available which we are passing to them.

We would advise residents who witness any activity which is deemed to be dangerous to members of the public to continue to report these to the police on 101, or in the event of an emergency 999.

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Peter Seed – West Ward

Mr Seed stated that there were a number of benches around the Town that were in a poor state of repair. He asked why they had been allowed to deteriorate and when they would be repaired.

C McBryer explained that he was aware of the poor repair of some of the benches and that this was on his schedule of works for his Grounds Team. He apologised for the delay and the state of the benches. He explained that there had been staff problems due to illness and absence and as a result work had been delayed.

It was agreed by Council that a schedule of benches would be completed with details as to what work was required. These would be available for the next L&A meeting and an update would be provided as to the progress made on repairs and replacements.

Mr Seed asked why equipment bought for the Outdoor Gym had not been installed.

C McBryer explained that the equipment had been purchased and delivered but that upon delivery the user group had decided they were unable to install it, as previously agreed. Arrangements had now been made for a contractor, EMCOR, to install the equipment. This work was to be completed in the next couple of weeks.

Mr Seed asked whether consideration had been given to a survey to see who the users of the proposed Hub building would be and what consideration had been given to meeting their requirements.

C McBryer replied that the physical survey of the Hub building had been completed and that plans for the new development were to be completed. He explained that the needs and wishes of user groups would be taken into account when designing the new Hub building.


John Carden – East Ward

Mr Carden asked why there were no urinal facilities for smaller children within Community House. He explained that he had seen a child trying to use the urinal and this had been difficult because of his size.

C McBryer answered that the current toilet facilities were adequate and that the cubical toilets allowed small children to use the toilet unaided. The urinals within Community House were designed for adults but existing facilities catered for the needs of smaller children.

Mr Carden asked why the weeds at the roadsides within Peacehaven had not been removed. He went on to ask why the verges had not been cut properly and why grass had been left at the road side.

C McBryer explained that the weed treatment was currently being completed by East Sussex County Council and had begun on 25th May. He continued, explaining that the current contract for grass cutting was with a contractor named Countryman's. There had been concerns raised in relation to the standard of the service provided and that this was being investigated and alternatives considered.

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LA153 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME continued

Cllr. D Neave stated that he had discussed this issue at the SLR meeting and that solutions were being discussed in relation to the repair and maintenance of roads in Peacehaven. Cllr. Neave stated that the state of the roads should be placed on an action list and feedback offered to Council as and when necessary.

Mr Carden asked that rape plants growing in and around Centenary Park should be removed as soon as possible. He explained that rape is a prolific crop which would self-seed and cause problems if not managed.

C McBryer explained that the Grounds Team were aware of the problem and were dealing with it.

Cllr. R Coles stated that C Lacey had asked where the rape was growing and had not received an answer.

Mr Carden replied that the rape was growing in and around Centenary Park.

Cllr. J Harris explained that Centenary Park used to be agricultural land used for the growing of rape. This was why there was now a small problem.

LA154 TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. W Botting – noted (work commitments)
Cllr. J Harrison-Hicks – accepted (unwell)
Cllr. R Maskell – noted (holiday)
Cllr. M Simmons – noted (holiday)

LA155 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None

LA156 TO APPROVE & SIGN THE NON CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 21st March 2017

Cllr. R Coles proposed
Cllr. J Harris seconded

Approved

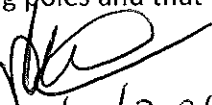
Debate:-

Cllr. R Robertson asked why fire doors had not been installed at Community House as previously requested.

C McBryer explained that the contractor employed to carry out the work, Keymer Double Glazing, had not been able to complete the work as requested. He was now seeking to employ another contractor but was completing checks on the proposed suppliers to confirm suitability. This would be completed as soon as possible.

Cllr. R Robertson questioned the current flag Policy of Peacehaven Town Council (PTC). He stated that we have four flag poles and that we should be flying a PTC flag. He also explained that flag protocol is that flags are

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LA156 TO APPROVE & SIGN THE NON CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF 21st March 2017 continued

raised at dawn and lowered at dusk. He wanted to know why this was not happening. He also asked why, after the events in Manchester, the flag had not been flown at half-mast.

C McBryer replied that he would look into the current protocols and report back to Cllr. Robertson outside of the meeting. C McBryer also explained that the union flag had been flown at half-mast but that guidance from HM Govt. was to fly it at full mast and this guidance had been complied with.

Cllr. L Hallett stated that two of the flag poles belonged to the British Legion and it was up to them whether to fly the flags or not. She went on to explain that she raises her own flag at dawn and lowers it at dusk.

REPORTS

LA157 UPDATES

Foodbank

C Lacey gave a report to Council that Sandra Gosling had been working with local charities and Greggs Bakery. Uneaten food is now taken from Greggs and given to those who require it within our community. Food was also given to the Youth Group and other charities.

Cllr. A Lorraine stated that this was a fantastic piece of work and of great benefit to the community and that Mrs. Gosling was to be commended.

Youth Group

The Youth Club is proving to be a great success. Peacehaven Youth Group is still meeting each Monday at Community House. Last week Fire Fighters from Red watch attended and put some of our younger residents through their paces. Firefighters will be with us every Monday for the next few weeks culminating in a visit to the Fire Station. Residents from 11-18 are welcome to attend at Five O'clock each Monday.


Task Force

Peacehaven Task Force has been busy this month. Many of you have been along to our new Community Garden at The Oval. Plants and trees have been planted and the recent rain and sunshine has helped them to thrive. Set in the beautiful southern corner of The Oval the Community Garden is open to all of our residents. Please come and help or simply come and enjoy our garden.

The Task Force have also been busy at Howard Park. Picking up litter and ensuring this Peaceful Park looks at its best as the spring flowers burst into bloom.

The Task Force have a special event coming up. A Teddy Bears Picnic is to be held at the Community Garden on 23rd June with Gary Johnson as our host. Please bring your Teddy's or other cuddly friends and join us for a great day out. Bring your own Picnic and drinks and we look forward to seeing you there.

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LA158 COMMUNITY HOUSE ROOF

The Leisure & Amenities Committee **AGREE** to set up working group **WITHOUT** delegated authority to instruct a contractor

The following Councillors were nominated to sit on the Working Group, with Town Manager and L&A Manager

- Cllr. W Botting
- Cllr. D Neave
- Cllr. R Robertson

Cllr. R Coles proposed
Cllr. B Gosling seconded

Agreed

Debate:-

The L&A Committee asked that this Working Group be set up **WITHOUT** delegated powers. The group will be required to report back to L&A or Full Council with their finds and must not instruct contractors.

Cllr. R Robertson asked whether we could claim on insurance for the leak to the roof.

C McBryer explained that the damage to the roof was through wear and tear and as such would not be covered by an insurance policy.

LA159 WATER LEAK UPDATE – SPORTS PARK

Noted

Debate:-

Concern was expressed by all Councilors as to the cost of the leak and the cost of repair.

Cllr. R Robertson asked if a claim could be made on insurance and stated that the leak had started close to the time of the completion of the Big Park.

Cllr. D Neave said that he wished to be personally involved with the investigative work and to help oversee the project to resolve this problem.

C McBryer explained that investigative work was still on going and that 65% of the existing water mains had been capped. He stated that he hoped this would stop the leak though investigations were still on going.

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LA160 SCDA FUNDING FOR OPEN AIR CINEMA

The Leisure & Amenities Committee **AGREE** financial support to the value of **£1,200** to assist SCDA in running an open air cinema at Centenary Park.

Cllr. J Harris proposed
Cllr. R Coles seconded

Agreed

Debate:-

Councillors stated that this was a well-supported project and was very popular with the community.

Cllr. R Robertson asked why there was an additional cost at 4.2 (this was in relation to the nominal cost of using Grounds Staff to mark out areas at Centenary Park a cost of £100)

As a result Council voted separately on 4.2 of the agenda. Cllr. Robertson stated that this was an extra cost of £200 which he did not agree with. A vote was taken with a majority decision to accept this nominal cost within the proposal.

LA161 TOWN COUNCIL RUBBISH BINS

The Leisure & Amenities Committee **AGREE** to purchase 15 Topsy Royale Bins from Glasdon at a cost of **£2,353.65 + VAT**

Cllr. B Gosling proposed
Cllr. J Harris seconded

Agreed

Debate:-

Cllr. R Robertson presented a number of other rubbish bins as a proposal to Council. He did this by distributing print outs from the Galsdon web site. This included novelty bins in the shape of a bear. He questioned the choice of bins and stated that there were other alternatives, as he had shown.

C McBryer explained that the bins proposed offered the durability, fire resistance and aesthetics that Council had requested.

Cllr. R Robertson stated that each bin would cost £35 to install and asked why this had not been included in the figures.

C McBryer explained that installation would be completed by the Grounds Team and that Council had not requested that the cost of installation be listed within the proposal.

Council requested that the bins be purchased in Green if this colour was available.

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LA162 FRIENDS OF CENTENARY PARK

The Leisure & Amenities Committee **DO NOT AGREE** to implement the proposed constitution for Friends of Centenary Park

Cllr. R Coles proposed
Cllr. R Robertson seconded

Agreed

Debate:-

Cllr. R Coles stated that Centenary Park was currently managed by the L&A Manager, C McBryer. She stated that any decisions taken in regard to Centenary Park should be made by the Leisure and Amenities Committee and that there was no need for a separate Committee or Trust to be created.

C McBryer agreed and explained that this would effectively give him day to day responsibility for management of Centenary Park. He explained that he wished to continue to engage with Community Groups to assist him in the management of the Park.

All Councillors discussed this decision.

It was agreed that the current situation where upon the L&A manager managed the park with input from Community Groups was the best solution. It was agreed that decision making in relation to anything other than day to day expenditure, events and planning matters be brought before the Leisure and Amenities Committee.

It was agreed that no separate committee or group was required and the proposal was not agreed.

LA163 HUB REDEVELOPMENT

The Leisure & Amenities Committee **AGREE** that this project is feasible

The Leisure & Amenities Committee **DID NOT AGREE** to set up Working Group

The Leisure & Amenities Committee **AGREES** to earmark funds and resolve at Policy & Finance (the earmarking "of Peacehaven Town Council reserves to the sum of £400,000)

Cllr. L Hallett proposed
Cllr. B Gosling seconded

Agreed

Debate:-

All Councilors discussed this proposal. The proposal to earmark reserves to the sum of £400,000 was agreed.

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LA163 HUB REDEVELOPMENT continued

Council did not agree that a working group was required for this project.

Councillors agreed that the project was feasible and that Cllr. D Neave would oversee this project with the Town Manager and Leisure and Amenities Manager.

Cllr. R Robertson stated that there was a £300,000 shortfall in the proposed figures of £700,000 to construct the building.

Cllr. D Neave said that money could be borrowed to cover this shortfall and that this was a major Community project that warranted this consideration.

NEXT MEETING

LA164 TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 4th July 2017 at 7:30pm

Noted

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