

UCKFIELD TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of the **Environment and Leisure Committee** held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre on Monday 12th November 2018 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr. J. Beesley (Chairman)
Cllr. D. Ward
Cllr. K. Everett
Cllr. M. Dean

Cllr. I. Smith
Cllr. D. French
Cllr. S. Mayhew
Cllr. H. Firth

IN ATTENDANCE:

Cllrs. P.Meakin, P. Sparks and C.Macve
1 Press recording
1 Member of the public

Christine Wheatley – Assistant Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
Minutes taken by Christine Wheatley

1.0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members and officers were reminded to make any declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interests that they may have in relation to items on the agenda. None were forthcoming.

2.0. STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON MATTER ON THE AGENDA AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

Cllr. C. Macve wished to speak on item 5.2. Income and Expenditure Financial Forecast. He expressed his concern regarding the event sales, with income down 50% and event expenditure showing a 30% increase and questioned the disparity.

3.0. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs. D. Bennett.

4.0. MINUTES

4.1. Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Leisure Committee held on the 15th October 2018

EL022.11.18 It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Leisure Committee held on the 15th October 2018 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4.2. Action list

Members considered the Action List that had been previously circulated and agreed to remove the following items which had either been completed or appeared elsewhere on the agenda:

To start considering new initiatives for the draft budget 2019/2020.
EL.020.10.18 – Proposed locations for biodegradable dog bag dispensers.

- 4.3. Project Monitoring List – For information only
Members noted the Project Monitoring List.

5.0. FINANCE

- 5.1. To note bills paid
Members noted the bills paid.
- 5.2. Income and Expenditure Financial Forecast
Members noted the income and expenditure report.
- 5.3. To start considering new initiatives for the draft budget 2019/20
Members considered the previously circulated report and the previous suggestions put forward at Committee and the Business Planning meeting.

Members discussed the condition of the Town Councils steel and galvanised steel columns following a report from East Sussex County Council. It was agreed that Keld Drive would not be upgraded to County Council standard however the three columns recommended for replacement be carried out as soon as possible.

EL.023.11.18 It was **RESOLVED** to replace the three lights recommended for replacement, one in Grange Road and two in Keld Drive with existing monies from earmarked reserves and to obtain a quotation for the six lights recommended for future replacement.

Members also discussed the request for an additional street light in Hempstead Road between the recently built houses in Eaton Close to the other side of Spring Meadow. There is currently a telegraph pole in the vicinity which could have a street lantern attached. The possibility of this and a quotation is to be obtained from East Sussex County Council. The developer of Eaton Close is to be contacted for a possible contribution towards the light.

6.0. ADMINISTRATION

Nothing to report.

7.0. ENVIRONMENT

- 7.1. To consider the planting of a Commonwealth tree under the Canopy Scheme.
The report was considered by the Urgent Consultation Panel, which consists of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chairmen of standing committees. They considered the report on 7th November 2018. They were asked to review the report and advise Council staff of how they wished to proceed and it was agreed that:
- (i) Uckfield Town Council agree to the MP planting a sapling (commonwealth tree) in Uckfield as part of the Canopy Scheme;
 - (ii) Uckfield Town Council gives permission to plant the sapling in Elizabeth Gardens and;
 - (iii) Uckfield Town Council would be happy for the planting ceremony to take place on Saturday 10th November 2018, and representation from the Town Council be made available.

The Mayor, Cllr. S. Mayhew and other Councillor's attended the planting ceremony, however due to the size of the sapling and its vulnerability in Elizabeth Gardens during the festive celebrations it had been agreed to remove the tree. The sapling is to be nurtured and re-planted when slight larger.

Members noted the decision of the Urgent Consultation Panel and the decision to temporarily remove the tree.

8.0. LEISURE

Nothing to report at this time.

9.0. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

9.1. Road Safety

Nothing to report.

9.2. Speed Indication Device (SID)

Members noted the report.

9.3. Battle Over – A Nation's Tribute

Cllr. D. Ward wished to thank everyone who assisted in the event which was attended by 250 – 350 people. A special thank you was given to:
The Uckfield Bonfire and Carnival Society;
Uckfield Performance Ensemble;
The Ringmer division of St John Ambulance
and
Extreme Hire of Hailsham.

A full report will be submitted to the next Environment & Leisure Committee regarding the event and suggestions for donations from the budget to those who assisted the event.

The Chairman wished to thank Cllr. D. Ward and M. Dean for their role in the event.

10.0. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

10.1. Uckfield Railway Line Parishes

Nothing to report.

10.2. West Park LNR and Hempstead Meadows LNR – Supporters Group

Nothing to report.

10.3. Uckfield and District Twinning

Nothing to report.

10.4. Age Concern

Nothing to report.

10.5. Luxford Centre Management Committee

Nothing to report.

10.6. Active Uckfield Group

Nothing to report.

10.7. Wealden Bus Alliance
Nothing to report.

11.0 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS
Nothing to report.

12. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

EL.024.11.18 It was **RESOLVED** that pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted it was advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw.

12.1. To consider a report on the Civic Centre's Events and Marketing programmes.

Members noted the reports and were pleased with the success of the Wartime Tea and Opera evening. Suggestions on advertising were put forward including bus shelters, High Street noticeboard (possible location between Library and Pizza Express) and social media regarding the event emails.

Members also wished to receive a profit/loss report on all functions to date.

The meeting finished at 7.52pm.