



HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Extraordinary Meeting of Hailsham Town Council, held at the Fleur-de-Lys Council Chambers/Meeting Rooms, Market Square, Hailsham, on Monday 6th August 2012 at 7.30 p.m.

Public Question Time

Prior to commencement of the formal business of the meeting a period of not more than 15 minutes had been assigned for the purpose of permitting members of the public present to address the Assembly, or ask questions (on matters relevant to the responsibilities of the Town Council) at the invitation and discretion of the presiding Chairman.

None.

HTC/12/
3X/167 **Present:** Councillors: Mrs. S. J. Bentley, W. A. Bentley, J.E. Bentley-Astor (Chairman), Mrs. M. Burt, N. S. Coltman, Mrs. J. Cook, W. F. Crittenden, R. T. Grocock (Vice Chairman), Mrs. S. E. Henstock, Mrs. B. Holbrook, P. S. Holbrook, G.G. Rowe, Mrs. D. M. Ryan, M. J. Ryan, Mrs. M. Skinner, and C. Triandafyllou.

168 **Officers in Attendance:** J. Harrison (Town Clerk), M. Caira (Deputy Town Clerk) and D. Saxby.

169 **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors J. L. Blake, Ms C Collinson, N. Collinson, S. McAuliffe, B. Marlowe, Mrs. M. Rowe, S. Towner and A. Williams.

170 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor W. A. Bentley declared a personal interest in agenda item 3 – Heathfield Works Programme as he is an East Sussex County Council Cabinet member.

171 **RESOLVED** to suspend standing orders to allow County Councillors R. Simmons and R. Thomas, other interested parties and the public to participate in the discussions on agenda item 3 – Heathfield Works.

Heathfield Works Programme

172.1 Ms A. Levitt and Ms F. Conway from Tomorrow's People made a presentation on the work they had undertaken with some young people in Heathfield. The officer's report detailing their work was circulated prior to the meeting and as Appendix HTC/12/3x/172A to these minutes.

172.2 County Councillor R. Simmons spoke in respect of his involvement with the Tomorrow's People team, as part of the Heathfield Partnership and East Sussex County Council.

- 172.3 Councillor W. Bentley stated it was his desire to see the expansion of the programme into Hailsham. There was clearly a need for a scheme as there was a 1.3% unemployment rate in the Wealden district; in Hailsham east unemployment stood at 6%.
- 172.4 County Councillor R. Thomas and the Youth Mayor both spoke in favour of expanding the programme into Hailsham. Other members who participated in the debate were also in favour.
- 172.5 Councillor W. Bentley said that he had discussed the programme with the Chief Executive of Wealden District Council, who had just moved to the new office in Hailsham. He was supportive of the scheme and would be willing to take three placements. Charles Hendry MP had also indicated his support.
- 172.6 The Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk reported their meeting with Mr. A. Bree, Chairman of the Hailsham and District Chamber of Commerce, who were broadly in favour of developing the scheme in Hailsham.
- 172.7 The Youth Partnership would make a bid to ESCC's Economic Regeneration Fund for cap funding which would be invested in a charitable bond, the interest from which would fund the project
- 172.8 **RESOLVED** to
- a) take the project forward into Hailsham and commit £40,000 per year for three years, plus provide accommodation and administrative support for the project to match fund dependent on a successful bid, and
 - b) formulate a youth partnership between Hailsham Town Council and other interested organisations, including the Youth Council and East Sussex County Council.
- 173 Councillor G. Rowe left the meeting at 8.40pm

Option Agreement Over Land at Hailsham Retail Park

- 174.1 Councillor P. Holbrook declared a Personal Interest as Hart Reade is a business associate of his.
- 174.2 The Town Clerk introduced this item and referred members to the officer's report circulated prior to the meeting and as Appendix HTC/12/3x/174A to these minutes.
- Discussion ensued.
- 174.3 **RESOLVED** to enter into an option agreement in principal over Hailsham Town Council land at Hailsham Retail Park, subject to a final sight of the agreement at the Council meeting on 12th September 2012.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.58pm.

CHAIRMAN

