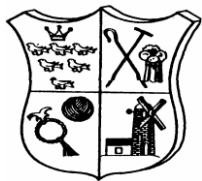


HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



REPORT (Minutes) of the Assets Management Committee held in the Fleur de Lys Council Chambers, Market Square, Hailsham on Wednesday 9th February 2022 at 7.00 pm.

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Public Forum

G Osborne addressed the Committee in relation to this year's Bonfire Event, and asked if the Committee would agree to Hailsham Bonfire Society holding their event again on Western Road Recreation Ground.

He reported that last year's event had been extremely successful, with a record crowd of 7,000. There had been one minor issue with some debris landing on the Tennis Club area but this had been quickly resolved and steps will be taken to prevent this happening from again this year.

Councillor P. Holbrook thanked G. Osborne for all his hard work in organising such a popular event in the Town and praised the clean up after the event.

Mr P. Mills of Hailsham Cricket Club stated that the Club now have planning permission from Wealden Council for the cricket nets and he asked if the Committee could confirm whether they could provide some financial support for the nets

J. Harrison advised that a guarantee cannot be given yet as the Committee must wait on the Strategy Committee's decision and this will not be until May, when a final decision on CIL spending will be made.

Mr S. Brown, the new Deputy Youth Service Manager for the Youth Café, was introduced to the Committee.

S. Brown advised that attendance figures at the Youth Café have recently increased. He advised that they are currently tackling anti social behaviour issues and speaking directly to a number of young people involved in this, to help prevent this behaviour.

The Café is looking into reinstating the youth council which will also involve Hellingly Council

A further project he is currently involved in with the young people is a "Know Knives" project, tackling knife issues. They are also advising the young people on drugs and alcohol and are helping to tackle any issues in these areas.

S. Brown asked whether he could invite some of the young people on the Youth

Council to the next meeting and members agreed to this.

Councillor Laxton asked for the Youth Council to be included in the Strategy Plan and Councillor Grocock suggested a position for a Youth Mayor could be reinstated.

63 **Committee members present**

Councillors: C. Bryant, Mrs J. Cook, R. Grocock, P. Holbrook, Mrs M. Laxton, R. Newark, T. Powis

Other Councillors Present: Councillor G. Blake Coggins

Officers in attendance: J. Harrison and K. Giddings

Also present: P. Gibson (Hailsham News and Talk), G. Osborne (Hailsham Bonfire Society), P. Mills (Hailsham Cricket Club). S. Wennington (Hailsham Active), S. Brown, (Deputy Hailsham Youth Service Manager)

64 **Apologies For Absence:**

None were received.

65 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor R. Newark declared a personal interest in the agenda item for Hailsham Active as he is a Director of Hailsham Active.

Councillor M. Laxton declared a personal interest in the agenda item for Sale of Land as she is a Director of the Hailsham Community Land Trust.

66 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Assets Management Committee held on Wednesday 15th December 2021 (Ref: AMC/ 21/6/46-61) as printed and circulated, may be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman

67 **To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Assets Management Committee on 15th December 2021**

Members were updated on the following:

- The request for help with funding at the last meeting from the Football Club and Cricket Club would be discussed under the agenda item for CIL Projects
- The request to locate the Changing Places Pod at Western Road Recreation Ground was agreed at Full Council
- The resident requesting the defibrillator was not in favour of its location in St Mary's Walk. J. Harrison will look into a different location. The Youth Centre was suggested as a possible location, and it was proposed this could be

located alongside a Bleed Kit.

- The bin for Footpath 18a has been ordered
- Goal post at Quinnell Drive Play Area - Members were advised that the goal post will be turned around to help prevent problems with the neighbouring properties. This will be carried out in the spring when the ground is dryer
- A Working Group has been set up for Hailsham Aspires
- The work to 4 Market Square has been organised

68 **Youth Shelter**

Members were advised that the Youth Service were requesting permission to place a youth shelter on both Western Road Recreation Ground and Maurice Thornton Paying Field.

No funding was required as both the shelters will be funded by Safer Streets

J. Harrison advised that A. Joyes would need to obtain guidance from Wealden Council regarding the shelter at Western Road as this is in the Conservation Area.

68.1 **RESOLVED** to agree to place a youth shelter at both Western Road Recreation Ground and Maurice Thornton Play area

69 **Hailsham Youth Service**

Members noted the report on the Youth service.

70 **Hailsham Active**

S. Wennington updated the Committee on Hailsham Active projects.

He advised that "Boxercise", a ladies keep fit class was now running at Hailsham East Community Centre.

S. Wennington asked the Committee for support for the following plan:

He advised he was concerned at the poor drainage and lack of car parking at the proposed Sports Hub and suggested that an area of land near the Boship Roundabout could accommodate some sports activities as this area has room for three full sized football pitches and a car park.

S. Wennington proposed that the football pitch could be placed at Hailsham Community College and the hockey pitch could be moved instead to the Sports Hub. S. Wennington advised that both the Football Club and the Hockey Club are in support of this.

He further advised Hailsham Active are also looking into organising a Netball Club as currently there are only two Netball Clubs locally, one in Crowborough and one in Uckfield.

S. Wennington asked if the Committee would also support installing a track with

lighting around Maurice Thornton, similar to the one recently installed at Western Road Recreation Ground.

He advised that this track would need to be slightly bigger to allow for wheelchair access.

S. Wennington asked whether funding for this track could be proposed as a CIL project and he stated he would provide some costs to the Committee for this.

S. Wennington also asked whether drainage at Maurice Thornton could be included as a possible CIL project?

The Committee discussed the progress of the lease at Maurice Thornton and J, Harrison advised he has not heard back from Wealden Council on this and would write to them again.

Members discussed the new pathway at Western Road Recreation Ground and it was agreed to place the amended lighting scheme on the next Assets agenda.

S. Wennington left the meeting at 7.50 pm

Councillor G. Blake Coggins left the meeting at 7.55 pm

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Bonfire Event 2022

Members discussed the previous year's event and agreed that it had been very successful.

J. Harrison stated that there had been a report that one area had got quite densely crowded and could this be looked at for this year's event? G. Osborne stated that the Police were happy with the organisation of the event and he advised that there were more members of the public at the 2021 event than usual, due to many of the other bonfire events being cancelled last year, and therefore he did not expect this year's event to be as busy.

It was suggested that the two food venues could be placed in separate areas to alleviate some of the crowding.

G. Osborne advised the Bonfire Society were due to have a meeting in February and he was happy to report back after that.

The Committee agreed they were in favour for the Bonfire Society to hold their Bonfire event on Western Road Recreation Ground in October 2022

RESOLVED to agree to the Bonfire Societies request to hold their bonfire event on Western Road Recreation Ground on Saturday 15th October 2022

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Bus Shelters

The Council had been approached to take on responsibility of four new bus shelters

for the Cuckoo Fields development, two at Ersham Road and two at Station Road.

Members discussed the design of the shelters and K. Giddings advised that the size and type of bus shelter would need to be decided by East Sussex County Council, as they need to take into account the footprint available for a shelter and also the visibility required.

Members noted this and requested a perching seat is included in the design of the shelters.

RESOLVED to agree to take on responsibility of two bus shelters at Station Road and two bus shelters at Ersham Road, for the new Cuckoo Fields development

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Hailsham Country Park

Members discussed the request for the company "Totally Wild UK" to organise some foraging events at the Country Park

The Committee asked if the company could provide the exact dates for each event K. Giddings advised she would obtain the dates for the year.

RESOLVED to agree to the request for Totally Wild UK to hold foraging events at Hailsham Country Park

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CIL Projects

Members discussed the proposed CIL projects and J. Harrison advised that Wealden Council had confirmed that CIL can be used as part payment of a joint venture, such as the work proposed by the Football Club and the Cricket Club.

The Committee made the following changes to the report:

- Remove "Grovelands Farm Barn Community Area"
- Remove "Community Repair Café"

To include the proposed projects as follows:

- Contribution towards the Cricket Club nets
- Contribution towards the refurbishment of the Football Club Toilets
- Battle Road Play area refurbishment (to include wet pour for all play areas)
- New pathway at Maurice Thornton Recreation Ground, to include lighting
- Maurice Thornton Pavilion refurbishment

Members discussed the refurbishment of the Maurice Thornton Pavilion and it was agreed to speak to the Football Club to remind them that they have permission to organise the work for the refitting of the kitchen and that they are able to undertake this work themselves.

P. Gibson left the meeting at 8.30 pm

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Confidential Business

To Resolve that due to the special and confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, and possible disclosure of personal or legal information not in the public interest at the present time, the following items of business be transacted following the temporary exclusion of members of the Public and Press, in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders No. 1E.

Hawks Road Bus Shelter

Western Road Recreation Ground

Sale of Land

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Hawks Road Bus Shelter

Members had agreed to replace the bus shelter in Hawks Road in November 2019 but the work had not yet been carried out due to restrictions over the pandemic.

K. Giddings reported that if the shelter was still to be replaced then further funds would be required as East Sussex County Council have advised that work also needs to be undertaken to kerb, to allow for the installation of a new bus shelter.

Funding of up to £6,000 for the new bus shelter had been allocated already from capital receipts.

RESOLVED to recommend to Council to allocate further funding of up to £6,500 for the work to install a new bus shelter at Hawks Road. Funding to be taken from Capital Receipts

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Western Road Recreation Ground

The Town Council had been approached by the Football Club over drainage issues at Western Road Recreation Ground.

Much discussion ensued and members agreed to wait until there is clarification on the drainage and the results of the proposed survey before making a decision on this matter.

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Sale of Land

J. Harrison reminded members that local residents had been consulted in March 2021 regarding the land and that the majority had requested the area be maintained as a public open space.

Members discussed the request to consider the sale of this area of land and they agreed that this would not be a viable option. It was agreed instead to continue to maintain both areas as a public open space, as previously agreed. It was agreed the areas of land here could be tidied up and work carried out to the hedges and fences.

RESOLVED to maintain the land as public open spaces

Councillor P. Holbrook abstained from voting on the matter

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

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