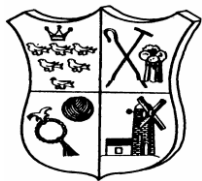


# HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



REPORT (Minutes) of the Assets Management Committee held in the Fleur de Lys Council Chambers, Market Square, Hailsham on Wednesday 4 May 2022 at 7.00 pm.

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## **Public Forum**

Two volunteers from the “Community Fridge” addressed the Committee in relation to their request to use the James West Centre to accommodate a new fridge and freezer, to help supply the community at weekends.

Members were shown photos of the recent Bank Holiday Monday at the “Community Fridge” at Hailsham East Centre. They advised that in 2 hours they had over 60 users.

The volunteers explained that as prices continue to increase and more families need help, they are finding the need for the Community Fridge is increasing. However the Community Fridge is only accessible in the daytime and many people cannot access it in work hours, which is why they were proposing to extend the scheme to the James West Centre, to reach more people in need.

The volunteers advised that many supermarkets are on board with this scheme and are keen to support it.

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## **Committee members present**

Councillors: C. Bryant, Mrs J. Cook, R. Grocock, P. Holbrook, B. Holbrook (substituting for M. Laxton) S. Keogh, R. Newark, T. Powis

Officers in attendance: J. Harrison and K. Giddings

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## **Apologies For Absence:**

Councillor M. Laxton

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## **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor P. Holbrook declared a personal interest in the agenda item for the James West Centre as he is acquainted with the volunteers of the Community Fridge.

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## **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Assets Management Committee held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (Ref: AMC/ 21/7/79-93) as printed and circulated, may be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman

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## **To receive an update about progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Assets Management Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

Members were updated on the following:

- J. Harrison had contacted East Sussex County Council to advise the Town Council would not be taking ownership of the proposed trees to be located at the Avenue, Hailsham
- The Town Council's mini bus has been sold
- The organisation of the street lights at Western Road Recreation Ground is ongoing
- The Parish Council had advised they would like the Community Hub built before making a decision on the Section 106 funding
- P. Holbrook advised he had visited the Boxing Club which is now running at Hailsham East Community Hall and he passed on their thanks to the Council for their assistance with this Club
- Members were advised that the goal post at Quinnell Drive had been turned around, to try and mitigate the problems with footballs here. Councillor Powis advised however that the resident who had complained about the footballs was still not happy with the situation and the location of the goal post.

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### **James West Centre**

K. Giddings advised the following in an email from M. Caira, in relation to the possible location of the fridge and freezer for the Community Fridge:

“With respect to the position of the fridge and freezer, I met with Robert at the Centre and we have identified that they can be position at the far end of the lobby, there is a double socket in this position, and it is away from the main entrance doors. The Centre has several screens that will be used to shield the fridge and freezer and the glass in the lobby has a coating that also shields the visibility from the outside. This location is also under one of the air conditioning units located in the lobby.

Robert has confirmed that he can service this use at the weekend within his contracted hours so there will no cost to the Council for his time”.

Members agreed they were in support of the scheme.

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**RESOLVED** to agree to the request for the Community Fridge to use the James West Centre for storage and use of their fridge and freezer, with the final details of exactly where the fridge and freezer are stored in the lobby to be agreed between the Deputy Clerk and R. Boxer, the Centre Manager

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### **Bus Shelter**

K. Giddings advised that the Council had been approached to take on responsibility of a bus shelter at Marshfoot Lane development

Much discussion ensued and it was agreed that it was still unclear whether Community Levy Funding could be used for the maintenance of bus shelters as CIL is required to be used within 5 years of receipt, and generally any maintenance of a bus shelter is likely to be required after this time.

Members agreed to put a general policy in place stating that the Town Council will not take on responsibility for any further new bus shelters unless there was an identified need with practical funding proposals

101.1 **RESOLVED** that:

- i) The request to take on responsibility of a bus shelter at Marshfoot Lane development be refused
- ii) a general policy is to be put in place stating that the Town Council will not take on responsibility for any further new bus shelters unless there was an identified need with practical funding proposals

102 **Post Office**

Members discussed the request to purchase 250 Hailsham cards at a price of £1125.00. Members were advised that the cards do not have an expiry date so they can be sold over a longer period of time if necessary.

The re-sale price of the Hailsham Card is £12.00.

Members were in favour of this proposal.

It was requested that the large Hailsham card sign is placed in the Post Office with a list of businesses that offer discounts with the card.

Members also agreed to look into supplying stationary, to be discussed at a future meeting, once a meeting has been arranged with the Post Office staff to discuss the matter further.

102.1 **RESOLVED** to recommend to Council to agree to purchase 250 Hailsham cards at a cost of £1125.00, funding to be taken from the Revitalisation Fund, and the cards to be sold at the Post Office

103 **Maurice Thornton Playing Field**

Members noted that the Works Manager, R. Gillett, had recently spoken with the Football Club and had negotiated to leave the shed in its current position and just to replace the roof on the shed.

The Football Club had advised they would cover the cost of the replacement roof.

Members were in favour of the proposal.

It was agreed to obtain a copy of the Football Club's risk assessment

104 **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.

YMCA Building

Sale of Land

105 **YMCA Building**

Members requested the Town Clerk contact Hart Reade to organise a formal letter to be sent to the YMCA

105.1 **RESOLVED** for the Town Council to send a Solicitor's letter to the YMCA

106 **Sale of Land**

The Community Land Trust were not available to attend the meeting to present their request.

Members discussed the request and agreed the area of land was not suitable to be sold.

It was agreed to have a general policy preventing the sale of public land and major green spaces such as the Country Park and Maurice Thornton

This could be separated into different categories for different areas of land

It was agreed to bring the suggested wording of the policy to a future Assets Committee meeting for further discussion, stating that in principle, the Town Council does not sell land which has a covenant placed on it or is an area of green space, and sale of land will only be considered if the sale of a piece of land meets the Local Council's considerations.

Land is not to be built on for housing.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35 pm