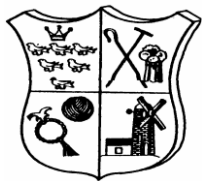


HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



REPORT (Minutes) of the Assets Management Committee held in the **Fleur de Lys Meeting Room, Hailsham Town Council Offices**, Market Street, Hailsham on Wednesday 11th December 2024 at 7.00 pm.

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Public Forum

There were no members of the public

Councillor M. Laxton chaired the meeting in the absence of A. Clarke

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Committee members present

Councillors: C. Bryant, B. Carpenter, D. Chapman, M. Laxton (Chair), C. Mitchell, G. White

Officers in attendance: J. Harrison (Town Clerk), K. Giddings (Planning and Communities Officer), T. Lee (Operations Manager), R. Gillett (Works Manager)

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Apologies For Absence:

A Blake Coggins, A Clarke, P, Holbrook

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Declarations of Interest

C. Bryant declared a personal interest in the agenda item for the Football Club, as a member of his family plays at the Club

C. Mitchell declared a personal interest in the agenda item for Union Corner Hall as he is the Council representative for the Hall

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Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Assets Management Committee held on Wednesday 20th November 2024 may be amended, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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Update

- The resolution to the Finance Committee to allocate funds from the grass cutting budget to Hailsham United Junior Football Club, to be put toward the Club's grass cutting, will be discussed at the Finance Committee meeting the following week
- Wealden Council have advised that their Solicitor is liaising with the Town Council's Solicitor in relation to the Maurice Thornton site Lease
- Members noted the fish have been removed from the Common Pond. A large number of fish were removed by Aqua Care and relocated to another pond
- Members requested an update on street lighting and it was requested J. Harrison look at an alternative provider and bring to the next meeting

111 **Budget**

Members had requested the budget figures for The Station and The Manse.

The figures were unavailable, so it was agreed to put this item back on the agenda for the next meeting.

111.1 **RESOLVED** to implement the following changes to the budget:

- i) To include an extra line in future budgets spreadsheets for costings for “managing works to The Station and The Manse”, to include utilities and costings.
- ii) To allocate an extra £24,000 in the budget for street lighting, to bring the figure to £90,000
- iii) To increase the figure for bus shelter repairs to £3,000
- iv) To place an extra column in the budget spreadsheet to highlight CIL spending

B. Carpenter and G. White abstained from voting on the resolution for increasing the budget for street lighting

Members discussed funding for the Cuckmere Buses and agreed to allocate £1,000 to the Cuckmere Buses

111.2 **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Finance Committee to allocate £1,000 from the ear marked budget, to the Cuckmere Buses

B. Carpenter and C. Bryant abstained from voting

112 **Hailsham Town Football Club**

As the Football Club had not yet provided the Town Council with a quotation, it was agreed to discuss this item at a future meeting, once the quotation for new fencing has been received

113 **Street Art /graffiti**

The Committee discussed locations for the street art and suggested the following locations:

- Behind the Cricket Club pavilion
- On the metal container at Maurice Thornton

It was noted that approximately £350.00 would be required for each site to be boarded

D. Chapman advised he will speak to the Cricket Club regarding the proposed site. The Conservation Officers at Wealden Council will also be consulted as the Cricket Club is in the Conservation Area.

114 **Union Corner Hall**

The Committee noted the report provided by C. Mitchell.

T. Lee advised he would liaise with the new Grants Officer, L. Homewood, to look into grant funding for the Hall and update the Committee on this at a future meeting.

114.1 **RESOLVED** to investigate possible grant funding for Union Corner Hall

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Confidential Business

Resolved 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.

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Post Office

Members noted that S. Stevens has been appointed as the new Manager of the Post Office.

J. Harrison advised that the Town Council is now recruiting for a part time employee at the Post Office, at 16 hours a week.

T. Lee advised he had undertaken a health and safety workplace inspection at the Post Office. He reported that work is in place to make the Post Office health and safety compliant. He will be organising first aid training for Post Office employees at a future date.

J. Harrison stated he is waiting to hear back about the Banking Hub arrangements.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15 pm

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