

Minutes of the **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING** held in the **ANZAC ROOM**, Meridian Centre, Peacehaven,
Tuesday 9th May 2017 at 6:00pm.

Members

Town Cllr's: Wayne Botting
 Daryll Brindley
 Rachael Coles
 Jean Farmiloe (Chair)
 Reg Farmiloe
 Brian Gosling (Vice Chair)
 Lynda Hallett
 Job Harris
 Ann Harrison

Jackie Harrison-Hicks
 Andy Loraine
 Ron Maskell
 Dave Neave
 Amber Robertson
 Robbie Robertson
 Melvyn Simmons
 Andy Smith

Present:

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LDC Cllr's:

ESCC Cllr's:

In Attendance

Claire Lacey – Town Manager
 Campbell McBryer – Leisure & Amenities Manager
 Sally Thompson - RFO
 Sally Landers – Administration Officer
 Chloe Reader – Business Admin Apprentice

30 Members of the public

ATM012 OPENING REMARKS & TOWN REPORT PRESENTED BY TOWN MAYOR Cllr. JEAN FARMILOE

Welcome to our Annual Town Council meeting today 9th May 2017.

We are not expecting any emergency evacuations from the building, however in the event of an emergency, please leave the building by the safest route possible. We will convene on the grassed area on the opposite side of the car park. Do not re-enter the building until you are informed by a member of staff that it is safe to do so.

Please also switch your mobile phones to silent and refrain from using during this meeting.

Out of Courtesy this evening we have to remind you that this meeting is being recorded. The right to record, film and to broadcast meetings of the Council, committees and subcommittees was established following the Local Government Audit and Accountability Act 2014. A copy of the legal definition of this **PROTOCOL ON THE FILMING, PHOTOGRAPHING AND RECORDING OF COUNCIL and COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS** is on your seat.

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ATM013 TO APPROVE & SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26th April 2016

Cllr. L Hallett proposed
Cllr. M Simmons seconded

Approved

ATM014 POLICY & FINANCE

Content noted in Annual Town Report

ATM015 LEISURE & AMENITIES

Content noted in Annual Town Report

ATM016 PLANNING & HIGHWAYS

Content noted in Annual Town Report

ATM017 RESIDENTS QUESTIONS

No questions were raised in writing prior to this meeting. The following questions were raised at the meeting.

John Carden

The resident raised concerns about the poor standard of workmanship with regards to the cutting of grass verges in the town. The resident stated mountains of cut grass is left behind which encourages the growth of weeds on the adjacent pavements due to the nutrients in the cuttings and if these were collected it would also reduce the growth of the verges which may provide a cost saving

C McBryer responded by stating the collection of grass cuttings would incur additional costs and will submit a report to Council for consideration

Ann Bickmore

The resident queried why Peacehaven does not have a Young Mayor

Cllr. J Farniloe stated Peacehaven Community School had been approached however no candidates came forward

Alan Sargent – Chair of Residents Association

The resident congratulated the team on the quality of the Annual Town Report

Mae Pond

The resident requested an update with regards to permanent premises for the Council Grounds Team and Peacehaven Horticultural Society

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C McBryer stated there had been some planning issues with proposals submitted to Lewes District Council for Grounds Team premises and that alternative options were being investigated at The Hub which is located at Piddinghoe Sports Park. C McBryer noted that options for Peacehaven Horticultural Society were also being considered

Joan Goldrich

The residents queried if Councilors will fight for decent curbs and pavements in Peacehaven

Cllr. A Smith acknowledged the issues and in particular concerns with regards to the A259 and responded, as a recently elected ESCC Councillor, by informing the resident he had requested he sit on their Highways Committee

Neil Watts

The resident queried if there were plans to look at traffic management in Sutton Avenue, particularly as a large development will commence in June in that area

Cllr. J Farmiloe informed residents that Council have requested additional double yellow lines in Sutton Avenue and that the cars which are for sale can be reported and removed if they have the same contact details

Cllr. D Neave provided an update with regards to the Churchill Development at the Police Station site, noting that the developers had been requested to provide the following:-

- *An increase in the width of the pavement*
- *The provision of a pedestrian crossing*
- *The provision of a lay-by to assist with parking needs at the Doctors surgery*

Ron Clewer

The resident raised concerns with regards to missing curb stones and those which are out of position.

C Lacey acknowledged the ongoing issue and stated she attends SLR (Strengthening Local Relationships) meetings with ESCC Highways and continually raises these concerns however their response is to replace missing curb stones with tarmac which is not acceptable. C Lacey stated Peacehaven Council is working with Telscombe Council in order to resolve this issue and will be attending a meeting with ESCC Highways on 22nd.

Cllr. A Smith informed residents that ESCC has a budget of £16m for roads which is small compared to other budgets

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ATM018 AWARDS

This year has been particularly busy for me as Mayor to Peacehaven Council and I have been privileged to support my chosen Charities, raising money through many events in and around the town.

I have sat in on discussions with the Policy and Finance Committee, as well as the Grants funding Committee, where in total we have allocated in excess of £28,000 to some really deserving charities and Community Groups who support our Peacehaven residents.

I am afraid I cannot name them all; however I have the honour of presenting them with their payments this evening and awards in recognition of their hard work.

In no particular order, I would like to call the following people to collect their cheques:-

Mayor's Appeal

Sussex Pet Rescue

Through the Mayors Appeal I would like to present Sid and Shelia Eastman with not just a cheque for their charity Sussex Pet Rescue, but also recognition awards for their tireless works running the coffee shop in the foyer here at Community House and supporting me as trusted volunteers for the whole of the year. Sid and Sheila, would you like to come and receive your cheque

NSPCC Angels Walk

Dawn is such a busy lady with NSPCC Angels Walk. She has started the Junior Park run and the Peacehaven Plodders. Dawn knows she tried to kill me with the first ever run. I look forward to walking with her in the summer on flatter ground. Dawn raises significant funds for Angels Walk, part of the NSPCC to support young and vulnerable people across the town. We have gifted three flower boxes in the town to Dawns charity, which she maintains and makes look beautiful. Dawn thank you for your ongoing work and I would like to present you with a cheque from the Mayors Appeal and a recognition award to show we appreciate you

The Peacehaven and Telscombe Scouts Group

The Peacehaven and Telscombe Scouts Group have been running in the town for many years. They applied for a grant to help towards repair of the leaky roof at their scout hut on Cornwall Ave. The Grants Committee has awarded them with a small amount towards this and as my chosen charity; I would like to also present them with a cheque from the Mayors Appeal. Neil Watts works with a variety of local organisations and is a great support to many in the town. For this reason I would also like to award him with a Community Recognition certificate and Thank you Neil for all your hard work

The Rotary Club of Newhaven, Peacehaven and Telscombe Cliffs

The Rotary Club of Newhaven, Peacehaven and Telscombe Cliffs support many charities in their organisation and work very hard. I personally feel that they need to be recognised for the value they give to the community and as such have chosen them as one of my charities this year. Would you please come and collect your cheque

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Peacehaven Town Council Grants

Peacehaven Taskforce

I was really privileged this year to be the main signatory of the newly founded charity Peacehaven Taskforce. With the Council Officers and residents, we have created a wonderful legacy for the town and improved community spirit by putting together a group of trusted volunteers, with more energy and enthusiasm than we could have hoped for. We have approximately 12 residents now who have joined the Taskforce, gardening at Howard Park, The Big Park and now at the Community Garden in the Oval, building flower planters, planting trees and working with young people in the town. We are all looking forward to their teddy bears picnic at The Oval next month, to celebrate the first crop of fruit and vegetables. With this in mind, the Council has offered a startup grant to the volunteers, to pay for tools and other materials. It is with great pleasure that I present the Taskforce with their cheques as well as individual Recognition awards to Mr Gary Johnson and Mrs Joan Goldrich, Joan and Gary would you please come and collect your awards.

Joan Goldrich

With all of your help this year, providing tea, cakes and biscuits for the bingo sessions and your ongoing patience, sense of humour and energy, I would like to thank you personally and give you a little something from myself and my husband Reg

Babs Clark

One of the ways I have raised money this year has been with low cost bingo afternoons. They have been very successful and raised money for some really valuable causes. Joan has made some wonderful cakes and endless pots of tea, but has also been supported by Babs Clark and I would like to present Babs with her Recognition award and give her a warm thank you and a little gift from Reg and myself

Ron Clewer

I would like to present this gentleman with an award, for without him, there would have been no Bingo. Our very popular caller has been running the Good Companions Club each Monday for many years and with his lovely wife of 70 years, Mr Ron Clewer and Sylvia have been an ongoing help to me. Ron would you come and collect your award please

Sue Griffiths

When the Big Park was being designed, this lady provided endless advice and support to the town to ensure the environment and future generations were taken into consideration. She has personally planted many trees and worked with the Brighton Permaculture Trust to create our very own hybrid Peacehaven Apple tree. The Orchard in the Big Park is an absolute pleasure to have been involved in and stands testament to this lady's perseverance, love of nature and sheer hard work. Sue cannot be here this evening so in her absence I would like to award her with a Recognition award and say thank you to her personally.

Peter Seed

This resident never fails to amaze me with his significant knowledge of Peacehavens history and geography. He has the wellbeing of the town at heart and any time we need advice and information on the

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town, the gentleman will help us out. He has been very active with the Heritage committee, the Taskforce and we want him to know he is valued. Peter Seed would you please come and accept this award.

Revitalise

Every year the Town gifts money to charities and community groups who work within the Town. This year we have given money to Revitalise, a national charity who provide respite care to young and vulnerable disabled people. They are unable to attend this evening so we have sent their cheque in the post, although we would like to recognise their valuable work within the community.

INAA

We don't always gift money to charities. This year we have certificates of credit in the form of room and amenity hire which has been ratified by our Policy and Finance Committee.

Integration Access and Advice have been working in the town providing free legal advice to residents and to support them, we would therefore like to present INAA with a certificate to show our appreciation and provide no cost room hire to allow them to continue their work, Judith would you please come and collect your certificate.

ABC Fund

In July last year this lady put a package of events together to support young disabled and disadvantaged people and their families in the town. The ABC Fund have taken 40 young people to the pantomime and provided many Christmas hampers with goodies at a particularly difficult time of the year. We would therefore like to present Mrs Ann Bickmore of the ABC Fund with a grant cheque and a guarantee to provide 20 pantomime tickets for Peacehaven residents for the 2017-18 pantomime, Ann would you like to come and collect your cheque.

Meridian Evening WI

The Meridian Evening WI have been presented with a voucher to help them with room hire

The Dean Senior Tea Club

The Deans Senior Tea Club is new to Peacehaven, meeting on a Monday afternoon and providing older residents with a really fun afternoon out. It is held here at the Meridian Centre and run by volunteers. They also receive a donation of food, cakes, sausage rolls and quiches from Gregg's bakery and last week had a visit from the East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service who even brought the fire engine. I would like to present the Deans Senior Tea Club with their cheque

Peacehaven Girl Guides

We would like to present Peacehaven Girl Guides with a cheque

Coastwatch

Coastwatch have received a cheque

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ATM018 AWARDS continued

Youth Taskforce

Youth Taskforce are a valuable resource in the town, keeping young people out of the Meridian Centre and supported by Grant Winter of Zero Degrees and Harry Lorraine, we have been able to work with over 40 young people providing them with a place to go on Monday evenings, here at Community House. We occasionally provide pizza and as such have granted them with a small amount of money towards it. The grant initially came from the Joint Action Group, comprising Sussex Police and East Sussex Fire and Rescue. The Fire Fighters are coming in for the next few weeks to provide training, information and advice to the young people where they will be taught trust and confidence building exercises. The course will also include attending the fire station in Newhaven. We would like to thank the police and the fire authority for all of their support.

Sussex Wildlife Trust

We all like to look out for wildlife in and around the town living in such a beautiful part of the world. As such we have decided to give a donation to Sussex Wildlife Trust.

Targeted Youth Support

Finally we have been very well supported this year by Targeted Youth Support. They provide a number of services to the young people in the town usually from the Joff, but also in and around the parks of Peacehaven. Since their input, the young person's crime figures have reduced, building relationships and a good rapport between the Council and local young people. They provide advice and guidance as well as signposting to professional organisations, counselling and youth support, not just on a Monday night, but on other nights of the week as well. We would like to recognise them as an invaluable resource to the town and say thank you to Simon Stanley for all of the advice you have given to the Council. Will you please come and collect your cheque – collected on behalf of Simon Stanley

ATM019 PRESENTATION – MILITARY COVENANT

C McBryer read the following:-

Peacehaven Town Council has committed itself to a Military Covenant. This is an agreement between the Council and The Ministry of Defense. The purpose of the Covenant is primarily to support serving and retired Military Personnel, their families and dependants who live within Peacehaven. Peacehaven has a number of Military veterans who live in our Town. Some Veterans have specific needs which may be difficult for us, as the Council, to resolve. These include issue with employment, housing and health. By committing ourselves to this covenant we commit to helping with the continued care of Veterans and serving Military Personnel who live in our Town. In return the Ministry of Defense provides professional services and support to our residents.

Peacehaven is now committed to supporting the Cadet Forces surrounding us. These include Newhaven and Seaford. We have also committed to support recruitment and fund raising activities on behalf of the Ministry of Defense. Our new Mayor will be asked to officially sign the covenant with local Military Representatives. It was hoped that this signing would have happened this evening. This has not been possible due to short term restrictions on military personnel. It is hoped to that this will take place after the elections on June 8th this year.

The meeting ended at 6:45pm

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