

Minutes of a meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the **ANZAC ROOM**, Meridian Centre, Peacehaven,
Tuesday 1st March 2016 at 7:30pm.

Members

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

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

Present:

Councillors: Jean Farmiloe (Vice Chair)
Reg Farmiloe
Brian Gosling
Lynda Hallett
Job Harris
Jackie Harrison-Hicks

Andy Loraine
Dave Neave
Amber Robertson
Robbie Robertson (Chair)
Melvyn Simmons
Andy Smith

ESCC Cllr's: Phil Howson

In Attendance

Claire Lacey – Town Manager
John Kocher – Corporate Services Manager & RFO
Sally Landers – Administration Officer

GENERAL BUSINESS

C082 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs Joan Buchanan

It is with regret that we inform you of the death of Mrs Joan Buchanan recently.

Mrs. Joan Buchanan was Councillor Ian Buchanan's Mayoress during his time in office between 2007 and 2009.

We ask that you take a moment in silence as a mark of respect.

Peacehaven Badges

To celebrate the town's 100th year, the Mayor is distributing new Peacehaven Town Council badges to residents at each Council event.

Withensea & Isernhagen Visit

Representatives from Withensea in East Riding, the last point of the Meridian Line in the UK and Isernhagen in Germany, our twinning town, will visit Peacehaven on April 23rd to see the cliff top projection, another event, not to be missed, to celebrate the town's 100th year.

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C082 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS continued

Debate:-

ESCC Cllr. P Howson requested permission to attend this event along with a representative from the Twinning Association

Cllr. R Robertson stated the guest list had not been finalised yet

Wrestling

Peacehaven Town Council will be hosting another wrestling spectacular this Saturday 5th March at 7:30pm, your support would be appreciated.

E News

The latest E News edition is available today, this is a free publication with local news and details of events for the coming month and can be subscribed to via the Peacehaven Town Council website.

C083 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Joan Goldrich – North Ward (Peacehaven & District Residents Association)

The resident queried page 30/61 with regards to how many dog bins were left

J Kocher confirmed that Peacehaven Town Council (PTC) were replacing Lewes District Council (LDC) dog bins with their own

Cllr. R Robertson confirmed that there are two more LDC dog bins to replace

The resident stated that shrub cuttings, including some large branches, which had been placed in piles, had now been blown across Epina Park

Cllr. R Robertson stated this will be brought to the attention of ground staff

Action: Inform ground staff of shrub cuttings, including some large branches, which had been placed in piles, have now blown across Epina Park

The resident requested larger print on financial reports and an update with regards to Howard Peace Park

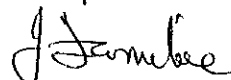
C Lacey confirmed Howard Peace Park will be discussed at the next Leisure & Amenity Committee meeting

Alan Sargent – West Ward

The resident read the following:-

'I refer to the article in the Sussex Express concerning the interview with Cllr. A Smith, (Leader of LDC) and the new homes debacle. Whilst recognizing affordable new homes are needed, the exercise that has taken place seems to have provided consultants with an open cheque book of rate payers money. The monies identified in the article give cause for extreme concern amounting to £584k. There is no monies mentioned that have been spent on other sites such as Peacehaven and Telscombe. I would suggest that the figures

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quoted are not a true cost because if the contract has been cancelled then I am sure there will be compensation payments to be made to Karis Developments and Southern Housing Group.

In addition we are now going to pay for an independent expert to chair an enquiry as to what went wrong.

The questions are:-

- Why did LDC Councillors allow this project to get out of hand
- Why didn't the professional, employed officers put a brake on and control expenditure
- Will the responsible, senior employed officer at LDC now fall on their sword as occurred with Cllr. R Blackman

There are a large number of District Councillors present, perhaps one or two could provide an insight as to what went wrong. Please do not fudge it off as a written reply, perhaps Cllr. Lorraine could advise, being a professional financial consultant, as to what went wrong and find out the current true cost'

Cllr. A Smith stated this contract had been inherited and had been found not to be financially sound. He stated that he had spoken to local businesses and had been made aware of potential job losses as a result of the Steyning Avenue car park proposal however there is still a need to build houses and noted the Housing Planning Bill would mean compulsory building

ESCC Cllr. P Howson queried 'quick win projects' amounting to £26k and that previously it had been stated that consultancy costs would be kept down

Cllr. A Smith stated the skate park at Centenary Park was an example of a 'quick win project'

ESCC Cllr. P Howson requested an update with regards to the Big Park Project spend and how much was left to transfer to PTC

Cllr. A Smith stated £80k had been allocated to cover rental costs for four years for ground staff premises, £200k from 106 monies and confirmed the project was under-budget and on time

C084 CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Cllr. W Botting – noted (work commitments)
Cllr. D Brindley – noted (family commitments)
Cllr. R Coles – noted (holiday)
Cllr. A Harrison – accepted (recovering from operation)
Cllr. R Maskell – noted (prior commitment)

C085 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS

None

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C086 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE NON CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MINUTES

Council 19th January 2016

Cllr. J Harrison-Hicks proposed
Cllr. L Hallett seconded

Approved

Debate:-

None

C087 TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING NON CONFIDENTIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee – Planning & Highways 26th January 2016

The **CHAIR** asked that the Minutes of the above meetings be **ACCEPTED** and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Cllr. J Harris proposed
Cllr. L Hallett seconded

Accepted

Debate:- None

Committee – Planning & Highways 16th February 2016

The **CHAIR** asked that the Minutes of the above meetings be **ACCEPTED** and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Cllr. J Harris proposed
Cllr. L Hallett seconded

Accepted

Debate:-None

Committee – Policy & Finance 9th February 2016

The **CHAIR** asked that the Minutes of the above meetings be **ACCEPTED** and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Cllr. J Harrison-Hicks proposed
Cllr. R Robertson seconded

Accepted

Debate:- Cllr. D Neave expressed thanks to Officers for printing the agenda on coloured paper and noted his appreciation

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REPORTS

Cllrs. proposed and agreed to move PERMISSION TO MAKE SAFE ENTRANCE TO BOWLS CLUB HOUSE from agenda item 11 to 7

C088 PERMISSION TO MAKE SAFE ENTRANCE TO BOWLS CLUB HOUSE

Council **GIVES PERMISSION** for Peacehaven and Telscombe Bowls Club to make adjustments to the path leading to their club house and create a raised patio area in order to improve safety.

Cllr. L Hallett proposed

Cllr. J Harris seconded

Permission Agreed

Debate:-

Cllr. L Hallett requested an update with regards to the water leak at Centenary Park

C Lacey stated this has been resolved and that the faulty water meter had been replaced confirming there is no leak and that only two units of water had been consumed during the day, this is being monitored daily and a further report will be put to L&A next week

C089 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

ESCC Cllr. P Howson reported the following:-

- The new Newhaven fire station, Saxon House, will be officially opened by The Duke of Gloucester in April
- The fire budget has been set at 1.94% increase
- No fire station closures in East Sussex this year
- Council tax increase of 3.95% of which 2% must be spent on adult social care
- No cuts in police budgets this year
- Have met with Fire Chief and Sussex MP's to put forward case to keep police and fire services separate however the Police Commissioner will sit on the Fire Authority
- With regards to the demolition at 2 South Coast Road, there was a recent Fire & Rescue call out at 9:50pm to control burning rubbish, this should be reported to planning enforcement as a violation of planning regulations
- The Library Service is increasing room hire charges which ESCC Cllr. P Howson is challenging. Groups and organisations will have to consider where they hire rooms in the future and have been directed to the Mayor of Peacehaven for assistance
- In relation to a previous query, the traffic lights at Telscombe Cliffs have not been re-phased

Cllr. M Simmons stated the new fire station sign in Newhaven should be red and not white

Cllr. D Neave stated Fire & Rescue had been called to 2 South Coast Road on the previous Monday at 7pm and that significant smoke was still evident on Wednesday, therefore S Landers at PTC was contacted to inform ESCC Cllr. P Howson and LDC Planning Enforcement with regards to the situation

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C090 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr. A Smith reported the following:-

- LDC working on shared services
- Changes to Special Expenses were having an effect
- LDC working on capital projects - waste and recycling and the need to provide more or less bins, currently LDC have eight streams of recycling and are questioning the need for a container to be provided for each stream

ESCC Cllr. P Howson queried the possibility of garden waste being collected

Cllr. A Smith stated that the garden waste scheme in Seaford provided a collection for ten months of the year and that a householder pays £70 for the service, it is anticipated the scheme will trial elsewhere however LDC does not benefit from green waste income

C091 REPORT FROM COUNCILLORS ON ASSOCIATIONS

Cllr. J Harris, as a member of Crimestoppers, stated that a meeting to discuss domestic violence was due to take place and that he would provide an update to Councillors at the next meeting

C092 CORPORATE RISK ASSESSMENT

Council **DEFERRED** this report pending a meeting to take place on Friday 4th March 2016 at 11am with Cllrs. R Robertson, J Harris, B Gosling, J Farmiloe and R Farmiloe to view the detail behind the summary reports

Debate:-

Cllr. D Neave noted 222 risks however the detail of each was not available stating it may be better to categorise as low, medium and high risk and queried the risk involved with the allotments

J Kocher noted there are a series of questions in relation to the allotments and that the full document amounts to 50 pages and therefore the summary was issued with the agenda

Cllr. J Harrison-Hicks queried the type of risk associated with allotments

C Lacey stated this is a computerised risk assessment document, with regards to the allotments these are maintained by members of the public and therefore PTC do not have direct control, hence the need to cover any risk via insurance

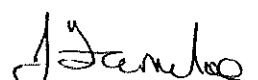
Cllr. D Neave noted there had been an accident involving the zip wire at The Dell however this was not evident as a high risk in this document

C Lacey queried who was responsible for risk with regards to the skate-park at Centenary Park

Cllr. A Smith confirmed LDC had transferred the lease to PTC and therefore responsibility

Cllr. R Robertson stated that there was a need for a working party to assess the risks

Cllr. M Simmons queried page 35/61 with regards to replacing signs which had been vandalized

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C092 CORPORATE RISK ASSESSMENT continued

J Kocher confirmed this will be completed by the end of March 2016

Cllr. R Robertson re-iterated the need for a working party and suggested a meeting on Friday at 11am


Action: Email Cllrs. to confirm meeting on 04/03/16 at 11am with regards to Corporate Risk Assessment

OTHER BUSINESS

**C093 TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Annual Town Meeting Tuesday 26th April 2016 at 7:30pm
- Annual Council Meeting Tuesday 17th May 2016 at 7:30pm**

Noted

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