

PEACEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING held in the ANZAC ROOM, Community House, Meridian Centre, Peacehaven on Tuesday 19th March 2019 at 6.30pm.

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Cllr Jackie Harrison-Hicks (Chair of Council), Cllr Job Harris (Vice Chair of Council),

Cllr Dave Neave, Cllr Rachael Coles, Cllr Lynda Duhigg, Cllr Claude Cheta, Cllr Sue Griffiths, Cllr Melvyn Simmons, Cllr Alan Milliner, Cllr Ron Maskell, Cllr Ian V Buchanan, Cllr Andy Smith, Cllr Wayne Botting, Cllr Daryll Brindley, Cllr Robert Robertson, Cllr Ann Harrison, Cllr Andy Lorraine,

Present: Cllr Job Harris (Chairman), Cllr Lynda Duhigg, Cllr Sue Griffiths, Cllr Claude Cheta, Cllr Robert Robertson, Cllr Alan Milliner, Cllr Ian V Buchanan, Cllr Daryll Brindley.

IN ATTENDANCE Kevin Bray and Deborah Donovan

Meeting started at 6.00pm

GENERAL BUSINESS

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for attending this evening. (32 residents attended the meeting)

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TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING held on 17th April 2018

Proposed Cllr Robertson

Seconded Cllr Brindley

AGREED

MAYORS APPEAL UPDATE

The total raised throughout Cllr Harrison-Hicks term as Mayor of Peacehaven = £6,626.78 This will be equally split between the two Peacehaven Doctors surgeries. We would also like to thank Sussex Pet Rescue and the Local Craft Fair for their donations to the appeal. The Doctors surgery representatives were not available to receive their cheques

GRANT PRESENTATIONS

- **Saltdean Community Association £200.** Cathy Gallagher, thank you for the grant, the association has been in existence for 60 years promoting Saltdean and the surrounding countryside, using the Lido as a base. We have produced several documents to promote the area including walking route booklets and maps, recently we have highlighted the plight children of the inner city of Brighton and with help from the Co-op we arrange for trips to Saltdean, so they can use the Lido, beach and then we have an entertainment in the evening. This cheque is to be used to purchase a projector for us to have historical talks for the residents.

- **Wave leisure £750, Daisy Bennett** thank you for the grant, this will be used to provide summer holiday activities programs for local children and for Wave leisure supporting the summer fair last year.
- **Newhaven Rotary Club £250, Jax Whitley** thank you for the grant, the rotary club is 51 years old, we cover Newhaven, Peacehaven and Telscombe fund raising, and providing activities around all the towns for all ages including the Christmas luncheon, this grant will be used for our Young Leadership Award, we also support other local groups like the Cubs and Scouts.
- **I.N.N.A. £1000** -not present
- **Peacehaven and Telscombe Scouts £300** -not present

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Mrs Gloria Hill, West Ward, the town has started to look a mess as there are not enough litter bins inland, the dual waste bins on the cliff top are great but we need more around the town to combat the dog waste and litter issue.

Cllr Robertson, the cost of the bins is more than £400 plus the cost of emptying them, this is the reason the council tax has been increased so we can buy more bins, we also plan to bring all the bins under Peacehaven Town Council as this will be more cost effective.

*Cllr Griffiths, I do volunteer litter picking with residents and I agree there is a dog waste problem in the town and the **Neighbourhood first** have been on a course to deliver on the spot fines when this is spotted, they can also fine people who throw bags of dog waste into the bushes etc.*

Mr Brian Payne, West Ward, Neighbourhood first have visited Malines Avenue and took pictures of the missing road Kerb's when they were there they witnessed a near accident due to poor parking. How much longer will East Sussex County Council (ESCC) ignore the issue of broken, loose kerbing in the town and the poor road surfacing. Peacehaven Town Council (PTC) should be badgering ESCC to get the towns roads repaired properly and not just urgent repairs. Our Council tax is not worth the service we receive.

Cllr Duhigg, you are right, I have attended many SLR meetings and it is difficult to get answers about these issues and ESCC are very negative when they do respond. Any repairs to the kerbs are made with temporary tarmac which breaks out within weeks leaving the town looking in a very poor state, the town is generally getting worse we can only keep speaking to ESCC and trying to get a better deal for the town, the town seems to be the poor relation to other towns in the area.

Cllr Robertson you should contact your local councillor who is an ESCC councillor.

Mr Payne West Ward, I have contacted ESCC directly they were no help.

Cllr Buchanan you need to lobby your ESCC councillor

Mr Malcom Edwards North Ward the kerbs were replaced at the bottom of Cavel Avenue, and I heard that was because a local to that road worked for ESCC

Cllr Buchanan myself and Phil Howson have lobbied ESCC on numerous occasions.

Mrs Jackie Shuttleworth East Ward I came to the town meeting last year and the same questions were asked then is there not an ESCC plan for the roads, if not why are we not asking for one?

Cllr Buchanan yes there is a plan I have been told before that Peacehaven's roads will be resurfaced within the next 100 years; until then it is just patch and repair, please lobby your County Councillor.

Mrs Jackie Shuttleworth East Ward, we had an issue in our road, we reported it to ESCC, it was repaired.

Cllr Robertson this issue needs to be brought to the 1st HIGHWAYS AND PLANNING MEETING after the elections in May.

Mrs May Pond North Ward first can I complain about the agendas in the notice boards, the writing is too small, can this be made bigger please.

PTC were given £300,000 from the Community infrastructure levee (CIL) for junction alterations, why has this not happened?

Cllr Robertson any money from lower Hodder farm will not be available until the first house is moved into, the total CIL money from the housing will be £700,000 all to be used on the roads and traffic schemes.

Mrs May Pond North Ward the Chalker's Rise development is a nightmare, the muddy roads will lead to the drains blocking and ESCC spending money to clear them, why is there not a wheel wash on the site? Also, the cars parking in Pelham Rise and Glynn Road are making that junction dangerous

Cllr Buchanan, I agree, I reported this to Lewes District Council (LDC) they said they knew of the issue and had arranged for sweeper vehicles to keep the roads clean. Under planning there should be a wheel wash in place, this was meant for the site access to be from Hoyle road unfortunately this access has not been forthcoming yet. The Fire Authority were against the one entrance for this development but were over ruled by LDC planners.

Mr David Williams West Ward, the original planning state that the roads are not going to be adopted, this means the whole site can be classed as a cul-de-sac

Mrs Jackie Shuttleworth East Ward, the emergency services will be given access to Chalker's rise from Hoyle Road after the completion of the building according to planning permission.

Mr Malcom Edwards North Ward the council tax precept increase by PTC, why have we not been given a leaflet outlining why, to Justify the extra money needed?

Cllr Robertson previous increases have only been 1% or 2% this was not enough and with the water leak costs as well this has led to the need for such an increase. PTC requires £750,000 p/a to run the town and LDC has removed a significant amount of funding as well as the extra cost of running the Centenary Park (the Big Park) now the initial funding for the project has been used up.

Mr Malcolm Edwards North Ward Why did the council not produce a document to show how the extra money received in council tax is to be spent?

Cllr Robertson, we had to used up most of the reserve money to pay for the water leak cost and therefore need to replenish them

Mr Malcolm Edwards North Ward the public should be given a bigger picture of why the increase was needed.

Mrs Jax Whitley the carparks at Roderick and Piddinghoe Avenue only have 1 disabled bay in them why?

Cllr Robertson these are owned and maintained by LDC

Cllr Griffiths I will take this to the next access group meeting for discussion.

Mrs Joan Goldridge North Ward is there an update on the meridian bus shelter? Is the driver paying for it?

Cllr Robertson, we have found out who owns the land.

Cllr Harris, the replacement shelter has been ordered

Cllr Duhigg, we have been told the new shelter has a lead time of 16 weeks and was order two weeks ago, we do not know if the driver's insurance is paying for it.

Mrs Jackie Shuttleworth East Ward can you tell us if the two doctor surgeries are merging together?

Cllr Griffiths in July the partnerships will be merging but the buildings will remain the same, this is happening because there will not be enough partners for two independent doctors' surgeries.

Mrs Angela Jones North Ward can you tell us anything about the meridian centre rumours?

Cllr Robertson, we cannot but I can say the library has a new lease so how they could demolish the building but leave the library I do not know

A resident replied the library have only got a 2 year lease.

Cllr Buchanan information about any CIL or 106 moneys that the town has or is to receive is available from the council office

Mrs Jackie Shuttleworth East Ward, do you know what is happening with the development in Hoyle Road?
Cllr Duhigg these are industrial units one of which will become the new unit for PTC groundstaff to house machines, equipment, etc.

Cllr Robertson the council will only be renting this unit , but this will save us money as it is closer to the big park.

Cllr Harris asked are there were any more questions, none were forthcoming

MEETING ENDED AT 7.00PM