



Battle Town Council



**MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING held on
TUESDAY, 15 JULY 2014 in
The Almonry, High Street, Battle, at 7.30pm**

PRESENT: Cllrs J Boryer, R Bye, J Eldridge, Mrs G Favell, Mrs P Fisher, D Furness, Ms Gyngell, Mrs Howell, R Jessop, Mrs M Kiloh, Mrs S Pry, A Ratcliffe and D Wilson.

Public Question Time

No members of the public were present. District and County Councillor Mrs Field was present.

1. Apologies for Absence – Cllrs Ms Ormonde-Butler and Palmer.

Absent – Cllr Sydes.

2. Disclosure of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17 June 2014. Cllr Wilson proposed approval of the minutes, seconded by Cllr Favell – agreed.

4. Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

The Clerk informed the Council that a resident had raised a concern about **Shaws Funfair** specifically that gold fish were given away as prizes. The Council noted this concern and will take this into account if Shaw's apply to use the recreation ground again.

5. To Receive a Report from the County Councillor

Councillor Mrs Field reported that the **Schools Transport Policy** (concerning payment of fares where the allocated school is not the nearest) had been discussed and agreed that the fare should continue to be paid. **East Sussex County Council** (ESCC) are just starting to look at the budget for next year and the subsidised bus services were being reviewed; the current view is that there will be no Sunday service for the **304** to Hawkhurst.

6. To Receive a Report from the District Councillors

Councillor Field reported that the **new waste scheme** is up and running and that any missed collections should be reported via the website. Concerns have been raised about the brown bin scheme and that new residents have to wait until January 2015 to receive a bin.

7. Police Matters – no officers were present.

8. Correspondence and Communications

All included as part of the agenda.

9. Minutes of the Communications Committee held on 10 June were presented by Cllr Eldridge. The Chairman highlighted the need for the **website to be updated** urgently.

10. Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 18 June and 2 July were presented by Cllr Jessop. The use of the projector and screen to view applications was discussed.

11. Minutes of the Estates Committee meeting held on 24 June were presented by Cllr Fisher.

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12. Minutes of the Extraordinary Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 26 June were presented by Cllr Furness.

13. Minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on 8 July were presented by Cllr Boryer.

14. Councillor Vacancy. Standing Orders were invoked for this matter to be dealt with in the confidential session.

15. The Report of the Meeting with Battle Abbey School was presented by Cllrs Kiloh and Furness and a written report was circulated (see attached.) Cllr Kiloh explained that the school has offered to work with the Council to consult with sports clubs and individuals about what sports facilities are needed in the town. This would need to be done as soon as possible so that the item could be discussed at the next Full Council meeting on 19 August. Councillors expressed concern about this timescale and after debate it was agreed that the matter should not return to Full Council until the September meeting. In the meantime the Clerk was asked to prepare a paper for the next F & GP meeting on 5 August and to write to the school advising them of this. Cllrs Furness and Kiloh briefed members about the meeting that they had been invited to attend with **Claverham School Sports Centre**. They had advised that the sports centre was not running at capacity and that they were in receipt of a grant from Rother District Council; they were concerned that this might be affected if there was another sports facility in the town. Claverham had mentioned other possibilities for an additional facility and that they had not been approached by anyone themselves.

16. Community Self-Serve The report from Cllr Favell was circulated (see attached.) It was agreed to discuss with **East Sussex County Council** (ESCC) what areas of work could be undertaken by our own team and how much money was available.

17. Grant Application for a Family Fun Day at the Market Square.

Cllr Jessop proposed approval of a grant of **£50** seconded by Cllr Kiloh and agreed. The Clerk will advise the organiser to contact **Rother District Council Community Grants Panel**.

18. List of Payments and Receipts – noted.

19. Reports from Representatives of the Council and Other Reports were presented as follows:

- Cllr Boryer - had attended the **BLAP AGM** and the meeting with **Battle Abbey School**;
- Cllr Bye - had attended a garden party at **Buckingham Palace**;
- Cllr Favell - attended a **Resilience Conference** and a **Health Pathway** working group meeting;
- Cllr Furness - attended the **Battle Abbey School** meeting, the meeting with **Claverham Sports Centre**, the **Battle Memorial Halls** Management Committee meeting;
- Cllr Jessop - attended the **BLAP AGM**, a **National Association of Local Councils** meeting, a meeting with the **Sussex and Surrey Association of Local Councils**, the meeting with **Battle Abbey School** and the **RALC AGM**;
- Cllr Kiloh - attended the meetings with **Battle Abbey School** and **Claverham Sports Centre**, the **Battle Abbey School Prize Giving** and the judging of **South and South East in Bloom**;
- Cllr Wilson - attended the **South and South East in Bloom** judging.

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20. Matters for Information/Future Items for Agenda

The next **Strengthening Local Relationships** meeting with **East Sussex County Council** will be on 30th July; all Councillors were asked to submit agenda items to the Clerk. It was agreed to include a **BLAP report** in the next and future agendas.

17. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 19 August 2014

The meeting closed.

M KILOH
Chairman

