

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND CULTURE  
COMMITTEE HELD 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2012**

**Cllrs present:** Cllr Sheila Baynes, Cllr Louise Bloom (chair), Cllr Daniel Clarke, Cllr Cynthia Garton, Cllr Val Houghton, Cllr Shankerlal Sthankiya

In attendance: Donna Brewer – Youth Team Leader

**CC660 Apologies**

Cllr Caitlin Bloom

**CC661 Minutes and Matters of the last meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

The Minutes were signed by the Chair.

**CC662 Correspondence**

(i) Volunteering Matters – October 2012

(ii) Action News Update – October 2012

(iii) A phone call had been received from a resident, reference her late father who had passed away earlier this year. He had served the Community for many years. She was asking whether she could nominate him for a posthumous Serving the Community Award.

Members were asked for their comments about giving such an award.

The Chair suggested two options for members to consider and vote on:

a) Yes, nominations for posthumous Serving the Community awards would be considered, if the person being nominated had passed away in the last year.

b) No, the Serving the Community award was not for the giving of posthumous awards.

4 votes in favour of option B

2 votes in favour of option A.

It was asked that a letter was sent to this resident, saying that unfortunately the Serving the Community Award was not for the giving of posthumous awards.

**RESOLVED: That a letter was sent to this resident explaining the decision of the Committee.**

**CC663 To receive a HEWEB Youth Council Report**

Donna Brewer, Youth Team Leader gave a detailed Youth Report.

She also gave an update on donations that had been given to the Friday Night Project.

These included free tickets to Madame Tussauds for next year, from Merlin Magic Wand an organisation who organise days out for the disabled and a chocolate factory based in Netley who had offered free of charge a workshop for the Youth to attend. They had also been donated two Raspberry Pi touch screen kits.

It was commented that more volunteers were urgently needed, as there was now a waiting list and the youth were being turned away. To help she had registered with the Volunteering.org website to try and solve this problem. The Chair asked that information requesting help from volunteers was passed to the office to be put on the Council website. She still currently had a university student on placement, along with two members of Kings Community Church.

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**CC664 Berry Theatre – Programming for the Spring Hedge End Festival**

No one from The Berry Theatre was in attendance to give a programming update for the Spring Hedge End Festival. The Chair commented that she would chase this and e-mail to all once she had any information.

With the support of the Town Council 75 free tickets had been available for the Mother Courage and Her Children production on the 5<sup>th</sup> October. Tickets sales for the forthcoming Hedge End Festival on the 10<sup>th</sup> November were going well, with the workshops and film showings getting booked up quickly.

**CC665 Christmas Lights update**

The necessary licenses had been applied for. The 30ft Christmas tree was to be collected and installed on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

It was confirmed that the Carnival Queen, along with the Mayor of Eastleigh would be in attendance to switch on the lights.

All the schools had been contacted and had replied. The following would be performing Noisy Voicez and the Community Choir, Wildern School

Wellstead School Choir

Berrywood School Choir

It was confirm also that the Salvation Army Band, along with the Churches Together Choir would be present after 6pm.

Cllr Shankerlal Sthankiya was to contact the Indian Dancers and let the Minute Clerk know if they were able to perform in order they could be added to the programming schedule.

The performances were to start at 5pm, with each school being asked to perform for approximately 12 minutes, giving them time to get on and off the staged area.

The Chair asked that a programming schedule was prepared and e-mailed to her.

It was confirmed that LLS Events would be doing a site visit for the staging on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 11.00am.

Father Christmas would arrive after the lights switch on and would have his usual position on the paved area outside Cry.

Stalls at the event were slowly being taken up.

A £100.00 donation had been received from Richmonds Estate Agents, with interest from Evolution 5 and Hedge End Dental Surgery asking what type of support was needed.

These companies were to be contacted and asked for either a donation towards the Christmas tree, in turn for advertising being placed around its base or a donation of Mince pies.

Helpers would be needed on the day from 4pm, the Chair would ask for volunteers at the next Full Council meeting.

**RESOLVED: The Indian Dancers were asked to perform and that the two companies that had shown interest were asked for either a donation, in turn for advertising or a donation of mince pies.**

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**CC666 To discuss having a pool of volunteers**

The concept of having a pool of volunteers had come from the Deputy Town Clerk, who felt that names of volunteers could be collated and held on file to call upon when needed.

The Chair also commented that if training was needed we could make use of the Countryside Volunteer Programme.

The volunteers would be Hedge End Town Council based, but if needed by other organisations/groups details could be passed on of volunteers that could possibly help. Members felt that this should be progressed.

The Chair said she would write an article and place it in the next addition of The Gazette. It was also to be advertised on the Council website and on Twitter.

**RESOLVED: That this was progressed further, with an article placed in The Gazette, as well as being advertised on the Council Website and Twitter.**

**CC667 To discuss a Cycling Event – Summer 2013**

Members were asked for their thoughts on the possibility of holding a Cycling Event in Hedge End. There were various concerns that would need to be addressed, but it was generally felt that the organising of such an event was a very good idea and should be progressed further.

The Chair said she would progress this idea further by making contact with the Southampton Cycling Campaign to see what thoughts they had.

**RESOLVED: That organising of such an event was progressed further.**

**CC668 To discuss the potential of Community Health in Hedge End**

Following the recent NHS Reforms, from April 2013 the newly formed Clinical Commissioning Groups would be taking over from Primary Care Trusts, being responsible for providing local health services.

With the involvement of local Council's in supporting their local GP's in improving health provision in the local Community.

The Chair commented that this would be a long term plan to help improve the provision of Community Health within Hedge End and asked members for their comments on what they thought about the Council becoming involved and whether they felt it should be progressed further.

All members were supportive in providing improved health care in the local community and felt this should be taken forward.

The Chair put forward to the Committee that in principal members were happy for this to be discussed further and highlighted again this would be a very long term project. She would therefore start making contact with the relevant parties in order to progress further. All agreed.

**RESOLVED: That this is taken forward and the relevant parties contacted.**

The next Community and Culture Committee meeting would take place Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm for which the Chair gave her apologies.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.28pm.