

EAST GRINSTEAD TOWN COUNCIL

AMENITIES AND TOURISM COMMITTEE – 9th MARCH 2023 at 7.00pm

Cllr Mrs Farren (Chairman)
Cllr Duly (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Peacock (Town Mayor)*
Cllr Visser (Town Mayor)*

Committee: Mrs Mainstone, Matthews, Osborne*, Scott* and Sweatman*

* = absent

Others Present: Town Clerk, Head of Estates and Civic Pride &
Community & Tourism Manager

263. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public present therefore the Chair moved to the substantive part of the agenda.

264. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were accepted from

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| Cllr Scott | Has been unwell |
| Cllr Amos | Away studying |

265. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no new declarations

266. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES 8th DECEMBER AND 12TH JANUARY

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the above meetings and authorise the
Chairman to sign them

267. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a Snow came yesterday but wasn't terrible for travel and was washed away. Staff did refill the 68 grit bins to ½ full by collecting more salt / grit from the WSCC prior to this event.
- b The EG Society have advised us that they have approval for taps for the water fountain from South East Water, they now are applying for planning permission. Once the permission is agreed the fountain will be finished and then pass to the Town Council for ongoing maintenance from Mid Sussex DC.

The Committee noted the report.

268. TOURISM REPORT

The Chairman introduced the report which was noted, she advised that the figures provided by MSDC regarding the footfall to events we are querying, as we don't understand how we

are to read them there were not 55 thousand people at the big reveal and other events, so we need to understand the figures and Alice has asked for this.

The report was noted

269. ESTATES AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

The Chairman introduced the report and highlighted the various items to be decided

First a decision requested is regarding the bench at the bus stop at Dunnings, Coronation Road bus stop. There have been some reports that there have been some people hanging around the bench who may be dealing in illicit substance activity. It was clarified that the bench once removed will get a new home.

RESOLVED: To remove the bench

The second is to approve the Tree Policy. The Officers were thanked for the work on the policy and all their work on tree management.

RESOLVED: To approve the Tree Policy included in the appendix

The Millennium Clock has gone away for repair, we don't have a date for it to be returned but it will be returned when fixed and re affixed.

Committee noted the remainder of the report

270. BURIAL SERVICES

Miss Jones was wished a happy birthday for today. The Deputy Town Clerk was thanked for his negotiations with Clarion housing as to the new entrance as this is a big step forward. It was noted as an excellent initiative that the woodchip was donated from the tree surgeons. It was also clarified that the new gate is unlikely to be a fancy entrance gate so marking it for the coronation is probably not fitting. Working forward with the Badger Trust and Natural England we are going ahead even though part of the sett will remain at the moment. The remainder of the report was noted.

271. EGTC FLEET

The reports were noted, there was discussion as to the vandalised vehicle and the replacement times for the vehicles to allow us to get them back being used. Security around the trackers and vehicles.

272. EVENTS

The Chairman advised that the report is for noting, however, since the report was written we have been approached by Being Neighbourly who would like to organise a big lunch in the High St on the Sunday 7th. They would like it to be a joint project with the Council in order to avoid the need for separate insurance and licences for the High St. The Council will not organise it on the day, this will be Being Neighbourly. Councillors who wish to volunteer or attend are of course most welcome. The Council will support the advertising and sign off the risk assessments and plans. As the event will be less than 1000 people there is no extra

insurance cost for the Council on this one. It was noted that the arts festival was the same weekend so may be busy in town for car parking.

The Chair thanked Miss Fletcher and her team for her work on the coronation parade and Saturday events.

RESOLVED: The Committee supported the joint event, working with Being Neighbourly.

273. LAND AND BUILDING PROJECTS

The Chairman introduced the report and advised that we were still awaiting the completion of St Barnabas sale.

RESOLVED: The Committee approved the basics of the St Barnabas hiring policy,

The Chair advised that several new names had been suggested but it would be nice to open this up to the residents of the area to name. Suggestions of Barnabas Hall, Coronation Hall, Dunnings Community Hall and King Charles Hall would all be included in the suggestions, with more invited.

RESOLVED: The Committee determined to take a public ballot to the Dunnings Road area for a new name.

The Chairman introduced this and stated that it was just for the committee to consider whether they wanted to proceed with the survey, before the WSCC and RPL discussions are finalised.

RESOLVED: To wait for the County Council to reach their agreement with Railway Paths before the survey is commission.

The Committee noted the remainder of the report

274. MARTYN'S LAW

The Committee noted the report

The Chairman noted this was the end of the agenda business. She thanked her committee for all of their work over the past administration and advised that the next full meeting of the Committee will be on THURSDAY 8th June, with a mini meeting on 15th May during Annual Council

It was seconded by Cllrs Matthews and Mrs Mainstone as to thanks to the staff for their work and the enjoyment of serving on this committee.

And closed the meeting at 7.45 pm.

Signed
Chairman