

Minutes

Hythe Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Community Engagement Working Group, held on Tuesday 30 August 2022 at 1100HRS, Oaklands, Stade Street.

In attendance: Councillors P Graham, J Martin, and M Whybrow.

Mrs S Chesters.

Also in attendance: Plans and Facilities Officer.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies of absence were received from Councillors A Dickinson, J Hawkins and Mrs C Porter.

2. Minutes

That the Minutes of the Community Engagement Working Group meeting held on 29 June 2022 be agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

3. Events 2022 Craft Fairs

The Craft Fair on 10 September 2022 has been cancelled due to the Eco-Fayre. Those from the previous Craft Fair have been invited to attend the Eco-Fayre.

The Craft Fair on 26 November 2022, will be attended by Councillor M Whybrow and J Hawkins. The advertisement for the 26 November needs to be launched shortly, to advertise for stall holders.

It was discussed that both doors of the Town Hall need to be opened with the event flag being flown on the pavement. It was discussed that the Town Cryer could announce the Craft Fair during the day.

The provision of the community tables were discussed, these tables are required to hold the craft fairs under community engagement. It was suggested that a maximum of three people per table, to prevent overcrowding.

Workshop on 'Does Hythe's Heritage Matter?' / 'Conservation Area'. This would be for the local residents to attend to establish why Hythe's heritage matters, how we can protect Hythe's heritage. The bins should be Hythe Blue and Silver and not black.

Councillor J Martin noted that the Mayor's Funday will take place on Sunday 04 September 2022. This was not discussed any further.

4. The Great Big Green Week – 24 September 2022 – 02 October 2022

An update was provided by the Plans and Facilities Officer regarding the progress of the Eco Fayre. The Eco Fayre will be held on Saturday 24 September 2022, as part of the Great Big Green Week. This is about reducing carbon footprint, protecting nature and tackling climate

change. The Plans and Facilities Officer ran through the different stalls that would be present at the event.

It was suggested that sending the poster to FHDC to see if they are able to advertise the events on their social media. Councillors were asked to share the event through their Facebook.

5. Community Engagement Policy

The idea of the policy is to bring different groups together.

Changes to be made:

Background 'This sets out the Framework instead of 'This builds on Government's Big Society aspirations and set out a frame work...'.

The working group agree the Policy should be taken to the next Stand Orders Committee for review.

6. Community Engagement Action Plan including Budget

The working group note the action plan and agreed it should be taken to the next Finance and General Purposes Committee for review.

7. Timetable Event – Action Review

The working group note the action plan and agreed it should be taken to the next Finance and General Purposes Committee for review.

8. Red Lion Square

It was agreed that the Plans and Facilities Officer would ask Councillor A Dickinson for her ideas for the use of the Phone Box. Once several ideas have been put forward a public consultation onsite will take place, this will engage with the community to decide what fits best.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 10 October 2022

Meeting Finished at 1227hrs.

Items for discussion at the next meeting:

1. Craft Fairs
2. The Great Big Green Week
3. Red Lion Phone Box
4. Christmas

Actions:

1. Allow for longer lead times on organising the events, as preparation takes longer.
2. Contact Councillor A Dickinson for ideas regarding the telephone box consultation.
3. Does Hythe's Heritage Matter / Conservation Area Workshops.