

## Minutes of a Meeting of Mid Sussex District Council Charity Trustees held on 21st November 2012 from 6.45 pm to 6.50 pm.

**Present:** Councillors:

Jonathan Ash-Edwards	Bruce Forbes	Gary Marsh
Simon Banham	Richard Goddard	Peter Martin
Stephen Barnett	Susan Hatton	Edward Matthews
Andrew Barrett-Miles*	Ginny Heard	Simon McMenemy*
Richard Bates*	Christopher Hersey	Pru Moore
Edward Belsey	Margaret Hersey	John O'Brien
Margaret Belsey	Catrin Ingham	Peter Reed
Liz Bennett	Anne Jones	Robert Salisbury*
Katy Bourne	Denis Jones	Susan Seward*
Heidi Brunsdon	Graham Knight*	Ian Simpson
Jack Callaghan	Jim Knight	Christopher Snowling
Cherry Catharine	Jacqui Landriani	Dick Sweatman
Phillip Coote	Andrew Lea	Mandy Thomas-Atkin
Mims Davies	Mike Livesey	Colin Trumble
John de Mierre	Andrew MacNaughton*	Neville Walker
David Dorking	Bob Mainstone*	Garry Wall
Kathleen Dumbović	Natalie March*	Norman Webster
Tim Farmer*	Gordon Marples	Emily White

\*Absent

### 16. MINUTES

#### RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 25th July 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

### 18. BEECH HURST GARDENS, HAYWARDS HEATH - USE OF SURPLUS CHARITY FUNDS TO HELP FUND THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BEECH HURST HUT AND SURROUNDINGS AND NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT

The Leader of the Council introduced the report and explained that underlying this issue was a good news story. He said that in the past Beech Hurst Gardens had not achieved its full income potential until investment in the property and services by the Council led to it now reaping the financial rewards. He added that further, sensible investment will hopefully see increased income to the direct benefit of the residents of Mid Sussex. He proposed that Council adopt the report's recommendations and this was seconded by the Deputy Leader.

Three Members commended the report's recommendations as a sensible and practical investment that would enhance future events, usage of the gardens and play facilities.

In response to a Member's question about additional seating, the Leader confirmed that the Council always sought to champion the cause of disabled people and he thanked officers for a good development plan for the site that would ensure adequate seating provision.

The Deputy Leader welcomed the report, adding that this was a good use of available funds that demonstrated the Council's on-going commitment to invest in all its public facilities for the benefit of local residents and visitors to Mid Sussex.

As there were no further questions, the Chairman took Members to the recommendations, which were agreed.

## **RESOLVED**

That:

- (1) The use of surplus Beech Hurst charity funds totalling £45,000 for the renovation of the hut at Beech Hurst Gardens, the surrounding quadrant and garden areas be approved, and
- (2) The use of surplus Beech Hurst charity funds totalling £34,000 towards the cost of improvement works to the equipped playground be approved.

Chairman.