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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY, LEISURE, ENVIRONMENT AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE HELD VIA A VIRTUAL MEETING DUE TO COVID-19 ON WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2021.

- Present:** Councillors Nikki Hamilton-Street; Lee Hamilton-Street; Mike Jones; Alison Reigate (Chairman); Rhys Evans; Norma Harris, Paul Bicknell, David Marsh and Alan Evans
- In attendance:** Tracy Lees, Committee Clerk; Julia Phelon, representatives of Angmering In Bloom and guest speaker Jonathan Green from the Connect2 Project
- Acronym:** Angmering In Bloom: AIB, Angmering Parish Office: APC, Anti-Social Behavior: ASB, West Sussex County Council: WSCC, South Down National Park: SNDP, PCSO: Police Community Support Officers

AGENDA ITEM	MINUTE NO.		ACTION FOR
1	20/103	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> None.	
2	20/104	<b>DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.</b> None.	
3	20/105	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b> Approval of the minutes of the meeting of the committee from <b>Wednesday 27 January 2020</b> were agreed and will subsequently be signed by the Chair.  At this point Cllr. Reigate asked if there would be any objection to bringing <b>Item 12</b> up to be heard before <b>Item 4</b> as the presenter of Item 12 had another meeting to attend. All were in agreement and the item was moved up.	
12	20/106	<b>CONNECT2 PROJECT, WEST SUSSEX</b> Jonathan Green from the Connect2 Project in West Sussex was introduced by Cllr. Reigate. He was in attendance to discuss further promotion of the project within Angmering. The Connect2 Project works with gang members and helps with providing information and tools to find a way out.  Jonathan started by giving an overview of how the project came about and then shared a PowerPoint presentation giving information on urban gang culture i.e. what they were, how they came about etc. He reported that kids as young as 10yrs had been known to be involved.	

During the presentation, the committee were informed that the use of social media to promote gang membership was increasing and a culture of follow your gang on line was becoming more common. Due to this it was critical to stay ahead of the problem and therefore a need to start working in the province's was now more important than ever. Connect2 want to work along side the police and councils to educate young people and prevent this growing trend.

Jonathan went on to explain the 3 line plan they had devised i.e. training and the need to recruit volunteers in our area. Due to COVID-19 the process of recruiting volunteers had slowed, presently there are 20 volunteers in our area, but they are still looking for a further 30. In order to run the first training course 5 more volunteers were needed.

A discussion then took place and various questions were asked about the project, the training plan and the next steps. One of the comments made was that it was powerful to have volunteers that had been members of a gang as they were able to give real life feedback on what the reality was to be gang member.

Jonathan also stressed that Conect2 were facilitators rather than providers, such as working with Worthing Council to set up on-line meetings (Town Halls) in order to reach as many people as possible.

Cllr. Bicknell asked if the presentation could be shared and be passed on to anyone that was interested in getting involved. Jonathan confirmed that this would be OK.

Action: obtain slides and share with the committee.

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Cllr. Reigate advised that posters about the Conect2 Project were already being displayed around the village and said APC would be happy to help further were they could. All agreed this was a fantastic project and wished it every success. All thanked Jonathan for the presentation and for taking the time to come and talk to us.

Jonathan left the meeting at 19.34.

**4 20/107 ANGMERING IN BLOOM (AIB)**

The Representative from AIB advised that they had nothing to report as they had stopped work for the winter break however due to a break in the weather they had been able to replant the flower bed at the front of the Community Centre and this was now looking very colorful for those coming to get their COVID-19 vaccinations.

The group had also been asked to work on an art project for the Community Centre windows and this was now on display. A request for more pieces of art work was made to the Councillors and that all efforts would be gratefully received.

It was reported that now the weather was changing daffodils were starting to appear around the village which were providing a lovely splash of colour. This also means that the group should be able to start up again soon.

Finally the representative mentioned about the foliage on the flowerbed between Big Fry and the pumping station that had been reported at the last meeting. The Committee Clerk advised that this had not been forgotten but it had been difficult to make contact with the home owner however APC would continue to try and make contact to resolve the situation. The action is still outstanding on the action list.

**5 20/108 PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

No members of the public were present, no questions were asked.

**6 20/109 THE COMMITTEE CLERK'S REPORT ON ANY MATTERS NOT INCLUDED ON THIS AGENDA**

The Action List was received, no questions were asked.

The Committee Clerk updated the committee on the APC Litter Picking Volunteers. Currently there are 36 volunteers who are all willing to go out in all weathers and litter pick. The volunteers are collecting on average 20 sacks of litter a week, which is a fantastic effort.

All have been issued with litter picking equipment and APC currently only have 7 litter pickers left however the recent sponsorship from Cala Homes of £600 will allow us to buy 40 more plus other sponsorship is being sourced to enable APC to purchase other items such high vis volunteer tabards.

APC will continue you advertise for volunteers via social media, word of mouth and in the All About Angmering magazine, the aim is to have enough litter picking volunteers to cover the entire village.

Finally it was reported that Rustington Parish Council have heard about our fantastic team of volunteers and approached APC for further information so they could start their own litter picking project.

**7 20/110 COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Nothing to report due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Cllr. N Hamilton-Street advised that the Community Art Project with Angmering School should have an update once the schools have gone back on Monday 8 March 2021. She also reported that the Community Garden has been carrying on and when it was safe to do so councillors would be invited to visit the site.

Cllr. Bicknell commented that he was keen that a community event was planned for July/August time. Cllr. Reigate stated that this could not be discussed just yet, but this would be added as an item to go on the next meeting agenda.

Action: Add event for July/August to the March agenda.

**8 20/111 RESILIENCE**

There was nothing new to report however the Committee Clerk advised that the update of the contacts in the Resilience Plan was now being done by the APC office and should be completed by the next meeting.

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9        **20/112 PLAY PARK STRATEGY AND PRIORITY MATRIX**  
Cllr. Reigate advised there was no change from last months report and different funding options were still being looked into.

Cllr. A Evans gave a short report on the number of residents using the play parks that he had witnessed over the past weekend.

10       **20/113 MAYFLOWER PARK WORKING GROUP**  
Nothing to report. A report is expected at the March meeting.

11       **20/114 HERAS FENCING AT MAYFLOWER BMX TRACK & SKATE BOWL**  
Cllr. Reigate talked through the supporting papers, what was needed and how the erection of the fencing came about due to emergency measures.

A discussion took place on why it was needed and the length of time it needed to stay up. After discussion it was agreed that the decision to put up the fencing was ratified and that it would be removed when APC were advised it was safe to do so by the Government.

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**RESOLUTION:** Cllr. Bicknell **PROPOSED** the Heras fencing should be removed when advised safe to do so, Cllr. Jones **SECONDED**, and **ALL AGREED**.

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12       **20/115 CONNECT2 PROJECT, WEST SUSSEX**  
This Item was moved between Item 3 and Item 4.

13       **20/116 TREE WARDEN FOR BLENHEIM PARK**  
After discussion Cllr. Bicknell will provide contact details for the ex councillor who lives in the area so the APC office may contact him and ask if he would like to take on the role.  
Action: Obtain contact information.

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Alternative suggestions if the above was not possible would be to advertise for a Tree Warden in the All About Angmering magazine or as suggested by Cllr. R Evans ask the litter picking volunteers if there was anyone willing to take this on. In the meantime the APC Groundsman will keep an eye on the new trees.

14       **20/117 MAYFLOWER PATH REPAIRS**  
Cllr. N Hamilton-Street wanted to propose that nothing was done at the present time and gave her reasons which included future possible projects. She commented that the area however should be continually monitored, a discussion then took place. After discussion it was agreed that no action should be taken at this time.

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**RESOLUTION:** Cllr. N Hamilton-Street **PROPOSED** no action should be taken at this time, Cllr. R Evans **SECONDED**, and **ALL AGREED**.

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15       **20/118 MATTERS REQUIRING CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE MEETINGS OF:**  
1) This Committee  
Cllr. R Evans commented that he would like to see the event 'Flicks on the Pitch' be considered for Friday 3 September 2021 to be held

at Worthing Rugby Club. It was agreed that this could be discussed at the March meeting and should be put on the agenda.

Action: Add to the March agenda under standing Item 7, Community Events.

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The subject of Dog Waste bins and their locations was raised and could this be put on the March agenda.

Action: Add to the March agenda as a separate item.

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2) Full Council – None.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Committee’s next meeting will be held via Zoom on **Wednesday 31 March 2021 at 19:00.**

**The meeting concluded at 20:13.**

..... Date.....  
Chairman

*Please note: The supporting papers referred to in these minutes can be found on the Angmering Parish Council website, along with the meeting agenda or copies can be requested from the Clerk.*

