

HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference

The Community and Business Development Committee reports to full Council and has been set up to research and develop commercial business opportunities, community initiatives and money saving ideas within the Parish. It is also responsible for organising community events.

Membership

The Committee shall consist of Members of the Parish Council including the Chairman and/or Vice-Chairman who shall have full voting rights. The Committee shall invite non-councillor members to join the Committee where they may have expertise to offer on a particular subject however non-councillors shall not have voting rights.

Meetings shall be open to the public unless a Resolution is passed relating to a particular item on the agenda that the business to be transacted is prejudicial to the public interest by reason of its confidential nature or other special reason, which shall be duly recorded.

Committee members are required to read the documentation relating to agenda items prior to attending the meeting.

Quorum

A quorum must comprise at least three voting Members or one third of the Committee members if this figure is higher.

Chairman

At the first meeting and thereafter at the first meeting after the Annual General Meeting of the Council, the CBD Committee shall elect from its number a Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Prior to the issuing of the agenda for meetings, the Chair of the Committee will liaise with the Clerk over the items to appear on it.

Meetings

The CBD Committee shall meet as required, but not less than quarterly, except where otherwise agreed.

Meetings will be supported by the Clerk, or in her absence, by another member of staff.

The Agenda and notice of the meeting will be notified at least 3 clear working days in advance, in accordance with paragraph 2 of Standing Orders.

If a Committee member is unable to attend the meeting they should, where possible, inform the Parish Council office no later than noon on the day of the meeting.

Minutes of the Committee meeting will be circulated to all Members of the Council and signed by the Chairman of the following CBD Committee meeting.

Purpose

To research, investigate, report and recommend viable commercial business opportunities within the Parish under the terms of the General Power of Competence as contained within the Localism Act 2011.

If appropriate, to research the costs and legalities of creating a Limited Liability Company or CiC to act as a profit-making organisation through which any commercial business may be run, on behalf of this Council and for the benefit of the residents of the Parish.

To research and investigate community development opportunities and to identify areas where existing services are inadequate or unsatisfactorily delivered.

To plan and undertake events for the Community.

Generally, to consider and research initiatives to achieve savings within the Council's areas of activities and to make recommendations to other Committees where appropriate.

Delegated Authority

Authority to manage the Christmas lights and lighting up ceremony

Authority to organise events for the residents that fall within allocated budgets

To manage the CIL budget and agree to make transfers between budgets to allow for the funds to be spent on items that fall under other budgets

Authority to approve publications issued by the Parish Council and to maintain the Town Clock

Authority to promote the Community Hub and agree its usage and charges

Delegated powers to propose an annual budget at an appropriate level to ensure the responsibilities of the Committee can be met, to approve expenditure as required and to manage and monitor budgets via budgetary control reports supplied for each meeting of the Committee