



TOWN MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Assembly of the Town Meeting
held at The Hillcrest Community Centre, Hillcrest Road, Newhaven,
on **Tuesday 12th March 2019** at **7.00pm**.

PRESENT: Councillors Paul Boswell (Town Mayor – chairing the meeting)
Graham Amy
Julie Carr
June Dyer
Steve Saunders
Angela Simmons

ALSO ATTENDING: Jacky Main, Clerk to the Council
Huey Cripps, Young Mayor of Newhaven
Jill Marshall, Administration & Finance Officer
Nicky Still, Assistant to the Clerk
Jason Ede, Newhaven Town Crier
Representatives of Community Groups
Sponsors of the Newhaven Community Awards
Approximately 60 members of the public

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

The Town Mayor, Councillor Paul Boswell, welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained what was going to happen during the evening. The Town Crier made a cry about Newhaven and the Hillcrest Centre.

2. **HILLCREST COMMUNITY CAFE**

Peter Rhodes spoke about Christmas at the Hillcrest Centre in 2018, when the centre was opened for the homeless, lonely, bereaved and anyone that would otherwise have been alone on Christmas day. Peter spoke of the generosity he encountered through the many people from the community who volunteered to help, and the money that was donated from the Police Community Fund, Newhaven Town Council, Peacehaven Community House Project and individuals. Dinner for 100 people was cooked at the centre and Downsview Farm in Ringmer donated ice creams for everyone. Entertainment was provided by a ukulele band, a bagpipe player and belly dancer. Volunteers and attendees alike said how much they enjoyed the day.

3. **PRESENTATION OF THE YOUNG CARER AWARD**

The Young Carer Award is for someone who cares for their parents or a family member.

3. **PRESENTATION OF THE YOUNG CARER AWARD (continued...)**

The winner was Piper Davies, who is 10 years old and helps to care for her brother who suffers from Global development delay, epilepsy, ARX Gene Mutation, Autism and severe learning disabilities. She has also raised money to help the hospital that cares for her brother and has recently taken the diagnosis of her Dad with epilepsy in her stride.

The award was sponsored by Fludes Carpets who were unable to attend, so the Young Mayor presented Piper with her award.

4. **HAVEN CRICKET CLUB**

Lee Poulton gave a short presentation about Haven Cricket Club which started 3 years ago to enable young people to play cricket. He said that they use Denton Cricket Club's facilities and regularly have 4 or 5 qualified coaches on hand. In their second year they won the league, and this year they are starting a Sunday development side to play against local teams.

5. **PRESENTATION OF YOUNG SPORTSPERSON AWARD**

The Young Sportsperson Award is for someone who has achieved something outstanding in sport.

The nominees were:

- Amelie Wright, a great all-rounder at sports. Amelie is a member of the school's gymnastics team, plays rugby and netball and has come first in a recent swimming gala. Her school is proud of her spirit, determination and encouragement of others.
- Kyle Mayo, who is partially deaf but doesn't let this hold him back in sports. He has a real passion for football and has recently been picked to play for the Albion in the Community Disability Team. He has played in disability tournaments and is now on the pathway for the disability hub, which could lead to playing for England.
- Kara Smart, who has exceptional athletic and sporting ability. Her strength and prowess enabled her to set county records in throwing at last year's District Sports competition. She also represents the school in a number of other sports such as football, netball and tag rugby.
- Jack Poulton, who attends Crossfit Corinthian. Last year he entered his first weightlifting competition, where he was the first lifter to score 8/8 on a lift. Also in 2018 Jack entered the British Teen Crossfit Championships, where despite being one of the youngest entrants he won the "Spirit of the Day" award, given to the athlete with the best attitude and effort on the day.
- Liam Poulton, who has been playing for Denton Cricket club for the past three years. In the last cricket season Liam scored his first 100 runs in a single innings playing in the Sussex Mens League and he also took 42 wickets bowling. This has led to him playing in the Sussex Under15 cricket team, an amazing achievement.

The winner was Liam Poulton. The Young Sportsperson Award was sponsored by the James Daniels Memorial Fund and Paul Daniels presented Liam with his award.

The other nominees for the award were presented with certificates.

6. NEWHAVEN GIG ROWING CLUB

Nicola Tweedie described how the club started a few years ago. After reading a blog by Graham Precey, she met up with him and together with a couple of other people purchased their first boat. Membership has grown and they now have about 40 rows per month. As well as gig rowing, they build gigs and a recent grant from the town council enabled them to carry out some renovations. The club is keen to involve all members of the community, including, for example, people with mental health problems and elderly people. Members enjoy regular social events as well as rowing.

7. PRESENTATION OF YOUNG PERSON OF COURAGE AWARD

The Young Person of Courage Award is for someone who has achieved something against the odds, for instance despite illness or disability.

The nominees were:

- Emily Nash, who is 10 years old. Emily's mum has epilepsy and seizures can happen at any time. When Emily is with her mum and seizures happen, she has to call her stepdad or decide whether calling an ambulance is necessary. She also has to help her younger brothers.
- Hannah Bishop, who last year was diagnosed with Crohn's disease which is an inflammatory bowel disease. The illness also causes extreme tiredness and loss of weight.
- Jack Brown, who has cerebral palsy which affects his gross motor skills, making it hard for him to walk or stand. He tires extremely easily and regularly loses balance. Despite these difficulties, in August 2018 Jack completed a triathlon called "The Super Hero Tri-Series". He managed to raise £1,330 for the charity "Cerebal Palsy Sport".

The winner was Hannah Bishop. The Young Person of Courage Award was sponsored by Newhaven Chamber of Commerce and the President, Mike Shorer, presented Hannah with her award.

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8. NEWHAVEN DAY CLUB

Angela Pattenden gave a short talk about the day club, and thanked the town council for their grant which paid for a new hot water boiler. She said that the club started 52 years ago, and they raise funds by membership subscriptions, sales and renting the building out.

9. RESIDENTS' FORUM – AN OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS TO ASK QUESTIONS

Before inviting questions, the Mayor spoke briefly about the upcoming Pram Race, the Young Mayor's project. Huey Cripps, the Young Mayor, spoke about how he came up with the idea for a Pram Race (which he had originally planned would be a Soapbox Challenge). Mike Shorer, President of the Chamber of Commerce explained the rules and stressed that in order for the event to be a success people need to enter it.

Turning to questions, a local resident asked whether West Beach is likely to be opened soon. The Mayor replied that Francois Jean, the Port Manager, had recently retired and the

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new manager would be meeting soon with the Mayor and the Clerk, so they would raise this with him.

10. **PRESENTATION OF THE OVERALL NEWHAVEN COMMUNITY AWARD 2019**

The winner of this award was chosen from the young people nominated for all the awards and is the young person the judges felt was a worthy overall winner.

The Mayor said that all the young people deserved to win as they had overcome adversity, before announcing that the overall winner was Jack Brown. The award was sponsored by Londis Newhaven Stores, who were unable to attend so the Young Mayor, Huey Cripps, presented Jack with his award.

The Town Crier drew the meeting to a close with a final cry.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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Town Mayor