

**Agenda Item: 18. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COFFEE MORNING**

**Report to: Community Committee**

**Date: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**Subject: Dementia Friendly Coffee Morning**

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**Recommendation:**

To receive the research carried out regarding the Dementia Friendly coffee morning and consider pursuing as a future project.

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**1. Background**

The town council agreed to investigate a Dementia Friendly Coffee Morning at its meeting in December 2021.

**00407 Motion from Cllr Winter**

To consider proposal for a Dementia Friendly Coffee Morning

It was **RESOLVED** for Cllr Winter to investigate this project further as a joint venture with a local dementia organisation.

**2. Research**

Following research with local care homes it is recommended that the council hold its first dementia friendly coffee morning to test the need in the community.

The idea has been developed to help those in care homes that do not have the resources to be able to spend time outside of the home and socialise in a dementia safe environment.

The idea is to transport up to 5 care home residents, 3 carers and an activity co-ordinator to a community centre for a 2 hour session of tea, cake and playing old time music for a sing-a-long.

The project will require working with care homes, local transportation services and a community centre to deliver the basic requirements.

The project could operate on volunteers and donations of services to keep costs to a minimum.

### 3. Service requirements

The trial has been investigated with Prideaux Lodge residents as Cllr Winter has been visiting this home regularly and has a regular dialogue with the manager.

The following is estimated:

Transport – mini-bus to transport 9 persons from care home to community centre and return	Could approach Care in Community or Community Bus for support
Tea and cake	Could approach a local café to provide as a sponsorship to the town council The Ark coffee morning in St Marks Church could be approached to supply
Music – download suitable playlist and provide PA system to play to group.	Could approach Bexhill Radio for assistance with hosting equipment and playing old time music for a sing-a-long Could approach local singer to perform songs
Hall hire – St Marks Hall - 3 hours hire – half an hour set up, 2 hour event, half an hour clear down.	Could approach for free/discounted hire for the event

Total costs are difficult to predict as this depends on the number of donations that can be achieved through networking with local businesses and organisations.

### 4. Governance and Administration

The Community Committee has the delegated power to consider the town council's involvement in local events in order to promote the work of the council and strengthen pride in the town.

Should the coffee morning require funding this could be allocated from the 2022-23 events budget and spent under the General Power of Competence.

If there are direct costs to the council the project plan will need approval by the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

### 5. Decisions Required

- a) To consider how to proceed with a dementia friendly coffee morning.