

Sandy Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Community Services and Environment Committee of Sandy Town Council held in the Council Chamber at 10, Cambridge Road, Sandy, Bedfordshire on Monday 13 July 2015 commencing at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs N Aldis (Chairman), T Cole, A M Hill, A Jackson, G Leach, C Osborne, M Pettitt, M Scott, P Sharman

In Attendance: Cllrs Stock and Smith (CBC), Mrs Sally Wileman (CBC Officer), Ms M Bracey (Minutes Clerk) and three members of the public.

- 1 **Apologies for absence (17-15/16)** *Action*
Cllrs J Ali, C Osborne and S Sutton
- 2 **Declarations of interest (18-15/16)**
 - i) Disposable Pecuniary Interests – None
 - ii) Non-disposable Interests - None
- 3 **Minutes of previous meeting (19-15/16)**
RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Community Services and Environment Committee held on Monday 1 June 2015 as a correct record of proceedings. Admin
- 4 **Public Participation Session (20-15/16)**
There were no questions.
- 5 **Allotments (21-15/16)**
Members welcomed the Report and thanked Cllrs Aldis and Sutton for getting the Report together so thoroughly and quickly. Cllrs Aldis & Sutton
Cllr Aldis gave an overview of the costings, totalling approximately £10,500, which has been budgeted for.
A member asked about the site being used for allotments as it had previously been a rubbish tip. He was told a survey had been done and the land was suitable for vegetable and fruit growing for domestic consumption.
A member asked about possible grant funding for the site. There are a number of national organisations with grant opportunities for this and the Sandy District Allotments and Leisure Gardens Association (SDA&LGA) will be able to investigate this.
RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND
 1. To agree to lease the 8.5 hectare area owned by Central Bedfordshire Council for an allotment site and to confirm this in writing so that the existing tenant can be given

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notice to vacate the land by 21 September 2015.

2. To authorise the Chair and Vice-Chair of Community Services & Environment Committee to continue acting as the Council's representatives in negotiations with Central Bedfordshire Council.
3. To continue researching the costs of setting up an allotment site and to bring a further report to the next meeting of the Committee.
4. To agree Heads of Terms for a management plan with Sandy District Allotments and Leisure Gardens Association (SDA&LGA) and to bring a report to the next meeting of this Committee.

- 6 **Berwick Way Estate (22-15/16)**
RESOLVED to write to Taylor Wimpey with a copy to Tilco Ltd expressing concern at the time it has taken for the adoption of this land to be resolved. Also that maintenance of the site has been unacceptable and they have not carried out their obligations. Admin
- 7 **Cemetery Project Update (23-15/16)**
RESOLVED to note that a meeting has been arranged on Thursday 16 July 2015 on site. Cllr Ali, Aldis and Hill
- 8 **Potton Sandy Cycleway. (24-15/16)**
RESOLVED that Cllr N Aldis be the representative of Sandy Town Council on this group. Admin
- 9 **Chamber of Trade (25-15/16)**
RESOLVED that a link be made from the Sandy Town Council website to the Chamber of Trade website. Admin
- 10 **Friends of Sandy Christmas Lights (26-15/16)**
RESOLVED that the Friends of Sandy Christmas Lights negotiate with Biggleswade and Sandy Lions and Chamber of Trade regarding the sleigh, on the condition that once a year it can be used for the Sandy Christmas Lights event. Admin
- 11 **Bedford Road Recreation Ground (27-15/16)**
RESOLVED that Triumph Wellbeing can use Bedford Road Recreation Ground for a Boot Camp on the condition that their Public Liability Insurance is seen by the office. Admin
RESOLVED that no charge be made but a donation to the Mayor's Charity would be welcomed.