

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 18th February 2019 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs N Aldis, A M Hill, T Knagg, C Osborne, M Scott, J Sparrow, S Sutton (Chair), N Thompson

Absent: Cllrs T Cole, G Leach

In Attendance: Cllrs M Pettitt, Mr C Robson (Clerk), Mrs C Baker-Smith (Admin Team Leader) and Natalie and Elaine Cuozzo

Action

1 Apologies for absence (58-2018/19)

Apologies were received from Councillor Cole.

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2 Declarations of interest (59-2018/19)

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting (60-2018/19)

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Community Services and Environment Committee held on Monday 14th January 2019 as a correct record of proceedings, with the amendment to Item 8.

4 Public Participation Session (61-2018/19)

No members of the public were present but a Member raised the question of whether the Town Council were concerned about the delay of the new play equipment in Sunderland Road recreation ground and should liquidated damages be sought from the supplier.

The Clerk explained that it had been too wet for the matting to be laid on the ground and it would need to be rolled out afterwards, before it could be signed off by RoSPA. The site manager had informed the Clerk that he hoped to have ROSPA sign off the play equipment on the week commencing 25th February 2019.

The site manager had had to move the oyster as it was too close to the see-saw and the swing seats would be the last items to be added. The fencing would also be added by a local contractor.

He also explained that a meeting had already taken place with a representative of Sutcliffe's, the supplier, involving the Mayor and the Clerk and that compensation for the delay was being discussed.

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5 **Action list (62-2018/19)**

Members reviewed the action list.

Allotments and Community Orchard: The Clerk informed the committee that he had contacted Central Beds Council again today and had copied CBC ward Cllr Stock into the email. A Member reminded Members that CBC were in the process of setting up its own housing development company and this would delay the allotment project. He asked if the Town Council could get on the allotment site earlier and mark out plots and plant trees. The Clerk said that a CBC officer had agreed that allotment preparation work might be able to commence.

Parking Restrictions: The Clerk informed Members that CBC Cllrs Maudlin and Stock were chasing Central Beds Council on this issue.

Tesco Crossing Point: Cllr Aldis stated that he had no update on this issue and it was apparent no visible work had been undertaken. It was agreed to leave this item on the Action List for the next meeting.

6 **Fair at Sunderland Road Recreation Ground (63-2018/19)**

Members received and considered a request to hold a fun fair on Sunderland Road Recreation Ground.

Members raised various points, including why the fair could not be held in the Bomb Pit off Sand Lane and; that it may cause damage to the recreation ground; that football matches could still be held on the recreation ground in April; there were only 50-60 nearby residents it may affect and what size would the fun fair be. Concerns were raised over potential noise levels and whether there will be people wandering about not contained in one place as they are for the circus visit which happens on the same site.

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A Member commented that he could not support the request due to concerns over damage to the playing field. Other Members stated that they felt the fair was of value to the people of Sandy and that the Council should look to ensure it continues to come to the town. There are limited locations for it to operate and Sunderland Road is a feasible option. It should be tried this year to see if it works.

The Clerk informed Members that if football games were scheduled for that weekend it seemed unlikely the fair would be able to fit in the available space. A Member commented that there were other pitches further up the recreation ground that could be used.

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It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that a fun fair be held on Sunderland Road Recreation Ground from the 23rd April until the 29th April, that a deposit of £500 be paid along with a rate of £55 for each trading day, and clauses be outlined regarding football matches being played and that the area be kept south of the recreation ground.

7 **Monthly Street Food Market (64-2018/19)**

The Chair welcomed Market on the Green UK to the meeting.

Members received and considered a proposal from Market on the Green UK for part use of the Council car park for a monthly street food market. A Member stated that it would take up a large part of the car park and would include the doctor's and disabled bays. The Clerk said that some disabled bays would be kept, and notices could be placed in the car park informing residents of the market and to refrain from parking in the area needed. The public toilets could also be closed later in the evening. Members expressed support for the proposal on a trial basis and that no rent be charged for the first two months, with the matter then coming to the new council for review.

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that Market on the Green UK have part use of the Council car park for a monthly street food market held on the second Friday of the month, starting on the 12th April 2019.

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The Clerk left the meeting.

8 **Future High Street Fund (65-2018/19)**

Members received and noted correspondence from Central Beds Council on the future High Street Fund.

It was also noted that the Clerk had already registered the Town Council's interest with Central Beds Council.

9 **Great British Spring Clean (66-2018/19)**

Members received and considered the Clerk's report.

Suggested areas for litter picking were: the cycle path, Green Wheel under the A1 bridge or any part of the Green Wheel route and the embankment on Sunderland Road. A date is to be arranged and publicised.

It was also suggested that the Clerk write to Highways England and ask them to clean the verges along the A1 and on the Sandy

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roundabout and also to Network Rail to clean the embankments from Cambridge Road to Station Road.

The Chair proposed that the children who won a Mayor's Award last year for litter picking around the town, be invited to accompany the Mayor to launch the Great British Spring Clean in Sandy.

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It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the Town Council take part in the 2019 Great British Spring Clean.

10 Highways (67-2018/19)

Members received and noted the report.

11 Events Group Terms (68-2087/19)

Members received and considered suggested terms of reference updates for the Council's Events Working Group.

The Chair would like a clause added that the Town Council has a stall at any local events.

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It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND** the suggested terms of reference to Town Council.

12 Chairman's Items (69-2018/19)

There were no Chairman's items.

13 Date of Next Meeting (70-2018/19)

Monday 1st April 2019