

Sandy Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of Community Services and Environment Committee of Sandy Town Council held in the Council Chamber at 10 Cambridge Road, Sandy, Bedfordshire on Monday 20th December 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs P N Aldis, A Gibson (Chair), A M Hill, R Lock and C Osborne

Absent: Cllr T Knagg, M Scott, S Sutton, N Thompson

In attendance: Mr C Robson (Clerk), Mrs C Baker-Smith (Admin Team Leader)

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| 1 Apologies for Absence (69-2021/2022)
Apologies were received from Cllrs Knagg, Scott and Sutton. | Admin |
| 2 Declaration of Interest and requests for dispensations (70-2021/22)
i) <i>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests</i> – None.
ii) <i>Non-Pecuniary Interests</i> – None.
iii) <i>Dispensations</i> – None. | |
| 3 Minutes of previous Meeting (71-2021/22)
RESOLVED to receive the minutes of the meeting of Community Services & Environment Committee held on Monday 8 th November 2021 and to approve them as a correct record of proceedings. | |
| 4 Public Participation Session (72-2021/22)
There were no questions. | |
| 5 Action List (73-2021/22)
Members received and noted the action list. | |
| <u>Allotments & Community Orchard at Beeston</u> : It was noted that CBC had still not published a notice relating to the land to be leased to the Council. The Clerk will chase this matter again in the New Year. | Town Clerk |
| <u>SID Signs</u> : The Chair asked the Clerk to contact the PCC again to try and seek his assistance in progressing permissions to install a sign. | Town Clerk |

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6 **Community Action Day (74-2021/22)**

Members received and noted the report and the date of the proposed Community Action Day on the 24th June 2022. Members agreed that the Council should look to support the positive initiative.

7 **Mosaic Trail Leaflets (75-2021/22)**

Members considered a report on whether there is a need to arrange for the printing of hard copy versions of the Mosaic Trail.

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the Committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Policy, Finance & Resources Committee that a limited number of Mosaic Trail leaflets and maps are printed out of the current year's revenue budget.

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8 **Skatepark Project (76-2021/22)**

Members received and noted an update on the Skatepark Project.

The Clerk stated that as Cllr Paterson had resigned from the Town Council, a meeting to appoint a new Working Group Chairman and to progress the project would be held in January 2022.

He said that the funds held were £39,000 away from the target and the group would be re-applying to the National Lottery in the New Year and that there were S106 monies available which the Council could consider. He also explained that the first design had been better received than the second and that Maverick would be holding a face-to-face session in January to help develop the design further.

A Member said that Sports England were now starting to open up their grant bidding to wider projects now and that the skatepark project may qualify. Cllr Aldis said that £800 would be available from the Skating Association.

Thanks were given to the Clerk for his report.

9 **Trees (77-2021/22)**

Members received a report on potential planting of trees at Avocet Close and the development of a community orchard area.

The Clerk said that he was waiting to hear from Cadent if the additional tree planting at Avocet Close could proceed. This was because there is a gas main which runs across the site.

A Member asked if trees could be planted in verges where Central Beds Council had felled them and not replaced the trees and could

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CBC Ward Councillors progress this. He also asked that in the orchard, would fruit on the fruit trees to be planted, rot if not picked. Members discussed other areas in Sandy that would benefit from more trees and the Clerk asked them to send in the locations to the office.

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED to RECOMMEND:**

That Members note the report and approve that the Clerk and Environmental Working Group progress planting of this area with the Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity, subject to a response from Cadent.

That funding, provision and planting of trees be completed by BRCC with locations and species agreed by the Environmental Working Group prior to planting.

That quotes for a supporting information board are considered by the Policy, Finance and Resources Committee.

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10 Events Calendar 2022 (78-2021/2022)

Members received and considered a proposed 2022 events calendar and any associated costs.

A Member asked if the events calendar was feasible with all the other projects envisaged. The Clerk said that some of the events proposed were self-managing with minimum effort needed from the office staff.

A Member said that the Horticultural Show would be on the 3rd September 2022 and this should be added to the calendar.

A Member said that the events needed to be advertised more. It was stated that all events are advertised on Facebook, the Council's website, The Bulletin, Biggles FM and the Biggleswade Chronicle but any other suggestions would be welcomed. The events calendar will be advertised once it is confirmed.

The report was noted by the Committee.

11 Queen's Jubilee June 2022 (79-2021/22)

- i) Members received and considered a draft proposal for the Council's participation in the Queen's Jubilee celebrations.

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It was proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED** that the Committee agree with the outline proposal for the event and that firework costs be taken to the Policy, Finance & Resources Committee as part of the 2022/23 budget.

- ii) Members received a proposal on the installation of a celebration beacon on the Pinnacle Hill to mark the Queen's Jubilee.

It was proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED:**

That the Committee agrees to progress the feasibility, design, purchase and installation of a permanent/semi-permanent beacon to be installed on The Pinnacle Hill, subject to final agreement by the landowner.

That designs and costs are brought back to the Committee for further consideration.

That the budget for the beacon be the £2,274 available from Section 106.

12 Events Working Group (80-2021/22)

- i) Members received and noted notes from a meeting of the Events Working Group held on 23rd November 2021.
- ii) Members received and noted notes from a meeting of the Events Working Group held on the 14th December 2021.

The Clerk said that the Remembrance Parade created more work this year as the Council took on a larger organising role. He said that more people may need to be involved next year to help marshal road closures and that the Events Working Group may need to start planning working in mid-July.

13 Chair's Items (81-2021/22)

The Chair did not have any items to raise but wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

14 Date of Next Meeting (82-2021/22)

Monday 31st January 2022.