

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 7 November 2016 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs P N Aldis, T Cole, A M Hill, T Knagg, M Scott, J Sparrow and S Sutton (Chair) and CBC Cllr C Maudlin

Absent: Cllrs Ali, G Leach, C Osborne

In Attendance: Mrs C Baker-Smith (Admin Team Leader) and two members of the public.

Action

- 1 **Apologies for absence (58-2016/17)**
Cllrs Ali, Leach and Osborne.
- 2 **Declarations of interest (59-2016/17)**
 - i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – None
 - ii) Non-disclosable Interests – None
 - iii) Dispensations – None
- 3 **Minutes of previous meeting (60-2016/17)**
RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Community Services and Environment Committee held on Monday 26 September 2016 as a correct record of proceedings.
- 4 **Public Participation Session (61-2016/17)**
Two members of the public had sent in questions regarding Item 9 on the Agenda and these would be dealt with at the point of the meeting.
- 5 **Action list (62-2016/17)**
Engayne Avenue Estate: The Admin Team Leader updated Members on the Abbey Grove area. Being that work to damaged walls had been postponed until the 6th December due to maintenance priorities; initial fly-tipping work had been carried out and Aragon would monitor this during the winter months; an Aragon electrician would be gaining access to the garages to ensure disused lighting was no longer live and would also be looking at the best way to cover the old lights.

A Member stated that with regard to the walls in College and Winchester Roads, he understood they would be taken away together with the old flowerbeds and made into more parking

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spaces. CBC Cllr Maudlin agreed that this was what she had understood also.

Town Clerk

Bus Turning Circle and Service 73: **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk chase the new timetables as Service 73 is due to operate as from Sunday 4 December 2016.

Town Clerk

The other items on the Action List were noted.

6 **River Ivel Clearance (63-2016/17)**

The Clerk's report was received and noted.

A Member tabled an email and map that he had received regarding sections of the River Ivel that had not been cut at all this year. It was agreed that if the River Ivel was not dredged it could cause flooding if there was a wet winter this year. It was also suggested that the river was being allowed to silt up because of the weir restoration project.

The Admin Team Leader reported that an email that had been received from the Environment Agency regarding weed maintenance problems on the River Ivel and their course of action.

RESOLVED to circulate the Environment Agency email to all councilors; that the Town Clerk writes to the Agency regarding dredging the river and that this item was added to the Action List.

Town Clerk

7 **Sandy Green Wheel (64-2016/17)**

i) The report was received and noted. Members welcomed the progress being made on this project but asked when the Management Plan for the orchard would be forthcoming. CBC Cllr Maudlin to progress.

CBC Cllr Maudlin

ii) Members welcomed the two extra cuts a year on Bridleway 22 by the Town Council's outdoor staff but would also welcome the bridleway being tidied up and overgrown areas tended to. It also needed more dog bins and signage along the bridleway. A Member also commented that this bridleway will need more than two cuts a year eventually and that the Town Council should maintain it regularly.

It was proposed and seconded and **RESOLVED** that on completion of the project the Town Council takes on the responsibility of a spring and summer cut of the wildflower verges along the highlighted area of the bridleway and that the Town Clerk write to Central Beds Council to ask for more dog bins and signage along the bridleway.

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iii) The letter from BRCC was received and noted. A Member stated that the installation of disabled angling platforms at Sandcaste Wood would not be needed if there was no water in the river.

It was proposed and seconded and **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND** that the Town Council support the initiative and contributes £2,000 for the next two years on the understanding that any S106 monies go towards this project and that this recommendation be put on the next Town Council meeting Agenda.

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8 **Picnic table and Seats on Beeston Village Green (65-2016/17)**

The letter from Beeston Open Gardens was received and discussed.

It was proposed and seconded and **RESOLVED** that the table and seats be replaced and placed on paving slab bases and that a memorial plaque be fixed in memory of Mrs P Cope. The Members asked that the group confirm the sizes of the replacement items.

Admin
Team
Leader

9 **CCTV Coverage in Sandy (66-2016/17)**

The Clerk's report was received and noted.

The Chair read out two emails that had been received from two members of the public regarding problems with CCTV coverage.

One concerning anti-social behaviour on the Fallowfield estate by youths gathering at the park and then knocking on doors upsetting the residents. The resident had reported the incident to the police. It was suggested that a more prominent police presence is needed along with CCTV cameras installed at various locations.

The other regarding the windows of the shop front of the Kebab Shop in Park Road being broken by a premeditated attack with an implement. The matter was reported to the police who declined to attend the incident or investigate further but gave the owner a crime number. It was again suggested that the non-attendance by police was unsatisfactory and that the Town Council make representations to Bedfordshire Constabulary and the Crime Commissioner along these lines.

Members discussed the reports and stated that the cameras should be kept but the CCTV coverage was becoming less effective; what footage asked for was not very clear and not enough information was received from the surveillance company to investigate incidents.

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A Member stated that the mobile camera in an anti-social area in Sandy that had no incidents recorded in the last year should be moved to the park at the Fallowfield estate to stop anti-social behaviour at the park and damage to council owned property as well as terrorisation to the residents. A cost to site the mobile camera would have to be found and it was proposed and seconded and **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND** that the mobile camera be sited on the Fallowfield estate and that the Clerk write to the Police Commissioner regarding CCTV and funding and the lack of a police presence to follow-up crimes in Sandy.

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10 Mosaics Project (67-2016/17)

The Clerk's report was received and noted.

11 Chair's Items (68-2016/17)

The Chair read out an email received from Central Beds Council regarding BT's proposals to remove 81 payphones in Central Bedfordshire. She asked that the consultation email be sent to all councillors for them to complete individually.

Admin

She stated that the Clerk had had no official information from Central Beds Council regarding the Kingfisher Way being taken over by another group. She also stated that with regard to the communication from Central Beds Council concerning stiles in the county, there were no stiles in Sandy.

The Chair also asked for volunteers to organise the council's tree at this year's Christmas Tree Festival being held at St Swithun's Church on 3 and 4 December. She and her husband have organised this for the last few years and felt it was time for other councillors to be creative. She asked that the application and booking forms are emailed to all councillors.

Admin

A Member asked that an item on outside markets be put on the next Agenda to discuss which markets and dates would be appropriate for 2017.

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**12 Date of Next Meeting (69-2016/17)
Monday 28 November 2016**