

# 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 8 August 2016 commencing at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs P N Aldis, P Blaine, T Cole, A M Hill, G Leach, J Sparrow and S Sutton (Chair)

**Absent:** Cllrs Ali, Osborne, Quick, Scott and CBC Cllr C Maudlin

**In Attendance:** Mr C Robson (Town Clerk) and Mrs C Baker-Smith (Admin Team Leader) and one member of the public.

## Action

- 1 **Apologies for absence (29-2016/17)**  
Cllrs J Ali, Osborne, Quick and Scott and CBC Cllr Maudlin.
- 2 **Declarations of interest (30-2016/17)**
  - i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – Cllr Sutton declared an interest under Item 12 as she is President of Royal British Legion.
  - ii) Non-disclosable Interests – None
  - iii) Dispensations – None
- 3 **Minutes of previous meeting (31-2016/17)**  
**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Community Services and Environment Committee held on Monday 27 June 2016 as a correct record of proceedings.
- 4 **Public Participation Session (32-2016/17)**  
No questions were raised.
- 5 **Action list (33-2016/17)**  
Bus shelter in Fallowfield for Sandye Place Academy students to use in inclement weather: It was **RESOLVED** that this would be brought forward to the next meeting if there was an update regarding the turning circle from CBC.  
  
Beeston Green: The Clerk stated that there was to be a meeting on the 15 August to progress the management plan and Cllrs Hill and Scott would be attending.

The other items on the Action List were noted.

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## 6 **Tree Surveys (34-2016/17)**

The Clerk's report was received and discussion took place regarding the amount of trees on council land to be included in a programme of surveying and how the division of work would be implemented. The Clerk stated that CBC had to unravel what areas of land they owned as there were grey areas such as Willow Island in Beeston.

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**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND** that the office and grounds team continue to map and catalogue all trees and that quotes for a 4 year inspection programme be acquired, with further negotiation on areas of inspection with a selected contractor. These quotes would be brought to an appropriate Policy Finance & Resources Committee.

## 7 **Central Bedfordshire Council High Street Improvement Scheme (35-2016/17)**

The Clerk updated the committee on the scheme and tabled a leaflet promoting shop front enhancement which CBC had provided. The Clerk informed Members that there were three deadlines for submission of expressions of interest and if any shops were interested a Local Review Panel would need to review and put forward to CBC. A Town Councillor would need to be appointed to join the Local Review Panel.

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**RESOLVED** that Cllr Peter Blaine be the representative on the Local Review Panel and that letters be sent to all High Street businesses to gauge interest in the scheme.

## 8 **Central Bedfordshire Council's Local Plan (36-2016/17)**

Members received and discussed CBC's plan showing development in Sandy and approved planning permissions. This information would be included in CBC's consideration of their Local Plan. Members identified that several new developments and roads were missing.

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**RESOLVED** to advise Central Beds Council of the missing information.

## 9 **Bus Turning Circle for the Number 73 Bus (37-2016/17)**

The Clerk's report was received and noted. Members stated that they were pleased that the work on the Turning Circle would be going ahead and that the No 73 bus route would incorporate this.

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**RESOLVED** to place a news article on the council's website clarifying what the Town Council had achieved regarding the Number 73 Bus route.

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## 10 **Sandy Market Square Bus Shelter (38-2016/17)**

Members received a report and recommendation from the Town Clerk that the maintenance and repair of the Sandy Market place bus shelter be handed to a company used by CBC. The company would carry out maintenance, repair and cleaning in exchange for placing advertising on the bus shelter. The scheme is already in place in several CBC areas.

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After discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the maintenance and repair of the Sandy Market Square bus shelter be passed to the company used by Central Beds Council that the Town Clerk makes the appropriate arrangements.

## 11 **Dangerous Driving in Sandy High Street (39-2016/17)**

Members discussed the Clerk's report and queried why the police carried out speed checks at odd times of the day. The Clerk reminded members that Wayne Humberstone from the police would be attending the next full council meeting on Monday 12 September. Members went on to discuss incidents of speeding down the High Street in the evenings and the congregation of vehicles in the council's car park. Members briefly discussed changing the barrier closure times for the car park but were concerned an earlier closure would have a negative effect on evening businesses. Members noted that the Council's power was limited in dealing with dangerous driving but that it was a crucial issue and the Council needs to pursue it with the police.

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**RESOLVED** to contact the police and insist that more of a police presence was needed at peak times and the evening.

## 12 **War Memorial Restoration (40-2016/17)**

Members received and noted the Clerks report.

## 13 **Dogzaloud Obedience Training (41-2016/17)**

The Clerk confirmed that the Council was holding two dog training events with Dogzaloud and thanked Cllr Cole for reporting the venue error in the poster. It was agreed to send posters to the local veterinary practices and Cllrs Cole and Leach would also distribute posters.

Admin

## 14 **Chairman's Announcements (42-2016/17)**

The Chair had no announcements.

## 15 **Date of Next Meeting (43-2016/17)**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016