

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 16 December 2013 commencing at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Aldis (Chairman), Butterfield, Jackson, Runchman, Smith and Sutton.

Absent: Cllr Ali, Lynch, Maycock and Walsh

In

attendance: Cllr Osborne, Pettitt and White, Deputy Town Clerk and one elector.

1 Apologies for absence(C46/2013-14)

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Ali, Lynch, Maycock and Walsh.

Cllr Pettitt asked that it be noted, that it is a disappointment when members of the committee absent do not ask other members who are not committee members to be a substitute. **Noted**

2 Declarations of interest and requests for dispensations (C47/2013-14)

- i) Declarable Pecuniary Interests - None
- ii) Personal Interests – None

3 Minutes of previous meeting (C48/2013-14)

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of a meeting of the Community Services and Environment Committee held on Monday 4 November 2013 as a correct record of proceedings.

4 Report on New Road pavement, rural transport matching fund (C49/2013-14)

A report from the Deputy Town Clerk on New Road pavement, rural transport funding, which included correspondence between the Town Clerk and Ben King, Principal Transport planner at Central Bedfordshire Council was discussed.

Members noted the correspondence and it was **resolved** that the Town Council reconsider New Road pavement again if match funding becomes available in 2015/16 and at that stage the Town Council would need to consider that the footpath extends from Tesco to Beeston Green footbridge.

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5 Report on Bus Services 73 (C50/2013-14)

Members discussed the Deputy Town Clerk's report on Bus Service 73 which travels through Sandy, which included information from Central Bedfordshire Council.

The Chairman gave a verbal update, he then provided members with a plan which showed the proposed routes going towards Biggleswade and Bedford, he then discussed the route for bus service 73 in Sandy and he then advised that the route will stay as present, with the proviso that the Engayne Avenue turnaround is looked at for Health and Safety.

It was **resolved** that the Town Council writes to Paul Dodge at Central Bedfordshire Council and Stagecoach and cc The Leader of CBC to ask that Stagecoach have a public consultation event for bus service 73 in Sandy.

The Committee have various proposals for bus service 73 in Sandy and these are as follows;

- That the 73 bus towards Bedford travels down Sunderland Road from the Town Centre roundabout rather than going on Bedford Road three times.
- That an alternate bus service is operated on the bus towards Bedford and Biggleswade in Sandy with one bus in each direction travelling to Fallowfield and the other bus in each direction travelling to Engayne Avenue.
- That the concrete bollards in Medusa Way are removed and replaced with drop down bollards to allow for buses going down Engayne Avenue to turn left into Medusa Way and then left into Waverley Avenue and then right into Engayne Avenue.

It was **resolved** to invite the Stagecoach managing director to a future Town Council meeting.

6 CBC Verge and Footway Parking (C51/2013-14)

Members discussed the Deputy Town Clerk's report which included correspondence from Central Bedfordshire Council on a proposed introduction of waiting and loading on verges and footways in Central Bedfordshire.

Members discussed the proposed introduction of waiting and loading on verges and footways and queried who decides the signs can be put up in a road, is it the ward member, one resident or a group of residents.

It was **resolved** to respond to Central Bedfordshire Council, that the Town Council is positively in-favour and broadly welcomes the prohibition of vehicles parking on verges and footways to prevent damage, though the

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Council has reservations about enforcement and looks forward to hearing more details.

7 Fallowfield S106 (C52/2013-14)

Members discussed the Deputy Town Clerk's report which included various pieces of correspondence.

Cllr White gave a presentation to members which included a number of photos he had taken of Fallowfield Recreation Ground.

It was **resolved** to recommend that the plants in the corridors behind the play areas are moved to other locations, that the corridors are grass seeded, that the fencing around the play areas is repositioned to remove the corridors so that the play areas are increased in size to Maple Tree School fence line, that the fencing removed is relocated to two areas and these are (from the yellow gate in Osprey Close and then either side of the yellow gate near Merlin Drive), that the ball wall area is increased in size by four – five feet, that parts of the recreation ground are verti-drained and the four play safe gates at the entrances to the two play areas are replaced.

It was noted that the quotation to carry out work along Sunderland Road would be considered at the next meeting of Policy, Finance and Resources.

8 Communication with Sandy Town Bowling Club (C53/2013-14)

Members discussed the Deputy Town Clerk's report about the nomination and approval of a member to meet with Sandy Town Bowling Club.

It was **resolved** to nominate and appoint Cllr Osborne to be the other member to meet with two representatives from the Bowling Club.