

Sandy Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Community Services and Environment Committee of Sandy Town Council held on Monday 22 April 2013 at 10 Cambridge Road, Sandy commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllrs Nigel Aldis, Jafor Ali, Michael Scott, Robert Smith, Susan Sutton, Sharon Walsh, Marion Runchman and Will Jackson (Chairman)

Absent: Cllrs Ken Lynch and Andy Maycock

In attendance: Cllr Geoff White. Mr Phillip Wingfield, Sandy Town Team and Mrs Babs Morse, Sandy Town Team. The Town Clerk was also in attendance.

1 Apologies for absence (01/2013-14)

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Lynch and Maycock.

2 Declarations of interest and requests for dispensations (02/2013-14)

- i) Declarable Pecuniary Interests – Cllr Scott drew attention to a pecuniary interest in matters pertaining to the Town Council allotments because of his allotment business interests
- ii) Other Interests – Cllr Aldis drew attention to a personal interest in the Sandy Allotments because of his existing allotment tenancy

3 Minutes of previous meeting (03/2013-14)

RESOLVED to receive the minutes of the Community Services and Environment Committee held on 4 February 2013 and to approve them as a correct record of proceedings.

4 Sandy Christmas Lights 2012 (04/2013-14)

A report from the Christmas Lights Working Group on the provision of Christmas Lights in 2012 had been circulated before the meeting and the Chairman of the Working Group drew attention to aspects of the report. Discussion included fundraising, the impact on staff time and the possible use of an external event consultant in future.

RESOLVED to recommend to Sandy Town Council that a formal sub-committee known as the "Friends of Sandy Christmas Lights" be set up with the terms of reference laid out in the report presented to the committee save that the sub-committee should be composed of a maximum of 12 members including 5 members of the Town Council. The

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difference in numbers being made up by co-opted members who may either be individuals or representatives from local organisations.

RESOLVED to recommend to Sandy Town Council that the Mayor's charitable fundraising activities included fundraising for the Christmas Lights (as was the case in 2012).

5 Sandy Markets (05/2013-14)

- 5.1** The committee received a short report from representatives of Sandy Town Team on its recent activities. The Town Team had been running car boot sales in the Town Centre Car Park success had been mixed depending on weather etc. A Town Team Quiz was held every 6 weeks as a fundraiser and to keep the organisation's profile high.

Other than this, the Town Team had chosen to focus on markets and believed that themed markets were more successful than general markets, pointing out that the Sandy Friday market has no USP but the monthly Farmers' Market was easier to promote. Information had been sent to members of the committee before the meeting about a Farmers' market in Deddington and the Town Team representatives advised the Team would like to see this sort of facility replicated in Sandy and noted that this market worked because of the effort put into it. The recent continental market had been very positive. It was hoped to replicate this success later in the year using different market providers.

RESOLVED to recommend to Sandy Town Council that permission was given to the Town Team to hold two future continental markets in the car par on 12th/13th July 2013 and on 8th/9th November.

The Town Team representatives confirmed that the Town Team wished to see an "event" in the town every Saturday and had a vision of a farmers market on the first Saturday, a continental market on the second Saturday, a craft market on the third and another event on the fourth. The Team particularly wished to put effort into promoting and reinvigorating the Farmers' Market and asked the Council to enable it to offer a promotion for stallholders (new and old) who booked three successive months (June, July and August) whereby the third month would be rent free. The Town Team would provide all advertising and marketing. It was noted that this proposal would go to the Town Council for consideration on 13 May but that the Town Team would be free to begin the promotion on the understanding that if the offer was not agreed the Town Team could meet the third month's rents from its own funds.

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RESOLVED to recommend to Sandy Town Council that all stallholders at the Farmers Market were offered attendance at three markets for the price of two during June, July and August.

- 5.2** A report requesting permission from the Town Team to hold a "Have a Go Craft Fair" had been circulated in advance of the meeting and this was discussed with representatives of the Team. The potential clash of a Have a Go Craft Fair with Sandy Carnival was discussed and individual councillors stressed the importance of all organisations in the Town working together.

RESOLVED to recommend to Sandy Town Council that permission be given to the Town Team to hold a Have a Go Craft Fair on the third Saturday of the month in Sandy Town Centre Car Park between April and November but **excluding** the third Saturday in June ie the date of Sandy Carnival.

The committee discussed provision of copying and printing support to the Town Team by producing materials at cost price and it was agreed to explore the relevant costs in more detail.

6 Allotments (06/2013-14)

RESOLVED that members of the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the agenda which involved the likely disclosure of confidential personal information as defined as exempt information in Part 1 of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972 (personal and confidential data).

A confidential report on progress with acquisition of a new allotment site was received and discussed.

RESOLVED to recommend to Sandy Town Council that the recommendations in the report be followed and the Clerk be instructed to take the necessary action to progress matters further.