Sandy Town Council

To: Cllrs N Aldis, J Ivanciu-Wilkinson, L Ivanciu-Wilkinson, A lock, R Lock, C Osborne, M Scott, S Sutton (Chair), N Thompson c.c. P Blaine, J Hewitt, M Pettitt, P Sharman

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Community Services and Environment Committee of Sandy Town Council to be held in the Council Chamber at 10 Cambridge Road, Sandy SG19 1JE on Monday 26th September 2022 commencing at 6.30pm.

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Nicola Sewell Town Clerk 10 Cambridge Road Sandy, SG19 1JE 01767 681491 21st September 2022

The Chair will lead a minute's silence in remembrance of the passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II

AGENDA

1 Apologies for absence

2 Declarations of interest

Under the Localism Act 2011 members of Council are not required to make oral declarations of interest at meetings but may not participate in discussion or voting on any items of business in which they have a Declarable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) and under Sandy Town Council's Standing Orders must leave the room for the duration of all discussion on such items. (All members' register of interests are available on the Sandy Town Council website or on application to the Clerk.)

This item is included on the agenda to enable members to declare new DPIs and also **those who wish to do so** may draw attention to their stated DPIs and also any non-declarable personal interests which they have declared under Sandy Town Council's adopted Code of Conduct, and which may be relevant to items on the agenda.

- *i)* Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
- *ii)* Non-disclosable Interests
- iii) Dispensations

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting

To consider the minutes of the Community Services and Environment Committee held on Monday 25th July 2022 and to approve them as a correct record of proceedings.

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4	Public Participation Session Members of the public may ask questions or make representations to the committee about items of business which are on the agenda.	
5	Action List To receive the Action List and any updates.	Appendix I
6	Street furniture bins and benches To receive an update from the Clerk regarding bin provision across Sandy's open spaces.	Appendix II
7	CBC On Street parking Consultation To receive a report from Cllr Sutton and agree a response to CBC's On Street Parking Consultation.	Appendix III
8	Christmas Lights To consider whether in the current climate, that the hours when the Christmas Lights are lit should be reduced.	Appendix IV
9	Mosaic Competition To receive a report from the Clerk recommending a postponement for the project.	Appendix V
10	Free Trees To receive information regarding CBC Free Tree Giveaway Scheme and make a decision on whether to host an event in Sandy.	Appendix VI
11	Resilient Highways Network Consultation To receive information regarding a CBC consultation to identify which roads to keep open as a priority during adverse weather.	Appendix VIIa Appendix VIIb
12	Disabled Parking Bays To receive information from CBC regarding a consultation on disabled parking bays at Churchill Way in Sandy and to agree a response.	Appendix VIII
13	Fallowfield paths To receive a verbal report from the Clerk on the condition of paths at Fallowfield.	
14	Chairman's Items	
15	Date of Next Meeting: Monday 17th October 2022	

Subject			Response /Status
Action			
Full Council Meeting 20/04/16			
Allotments and Community Orchard At Beeston	Progress and update reports to go to the Community Services and Environment Committee.		October 2021 – Update received from CBC officer to inform Clerk that this land is to be included with notices in regard to other parcels of land and should be in the paper by the time of the Council meeting.
land)			Update received on 7 th December 2021 – Notice still to go in paper, other notices to go with the Community land notice. Those involved were asked to have notices ready by COB 7 th December to go into the paper for that week.
			Councillors resolved that they did not wish for the Council's solicitor to undertake any work on the lease or incur charges until CBC had progressed the disposal notice and started work on a lease.
			Clerk has chased CBC to ask if any objections were made to the application advertised in March and as none were made progress is now going ahead with the lease.
			Clerk received an email from Lee Newton to say that a draft lease was being created and should be ready for review on Wednesday 13 th July. However, of 14 th no lease has been forthcoming. Clerk to chase.
			Email from Lee Newton received on 11.08.2022 to say Lawyer would be sending over contract. Clerk chased for this on 14.09.2022
CSE Meeting 24			
Use of former Days Inn conference site Min (24-20/21)	Use of former Days Inn conference site RESOLVED to write to CBC with ideas about potential use of the former Days Inn conference site.		Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Clerk had call with Tony Keaveney in January 2022 and asked for an update on the site. At this stage there are no further agreed plans for the conference site and Mr Keaveney again offered assurance that he would come and speak with the Council about any plans. Mr Keaveney offered to meet
			with the Council again if Members wished.
			Clerk to invite Mr Keaveney to Sept/Oct meeting of CSE to give an update on the site.
			Invite extended to Mr Keaveney on 14.09.2022 to attend CSE meetings on either 26 th Sept or 17 th Oct.

Agenda Item 5 - Community Services and Environment Committee - Action list

CSE Meeting 05	5/10/2020	
SID Sign locations and Installation	RESOLVED to approve sign locations and the Clerk work with CBC to arrange	Local policing team to express their support for SID signage in Sandy to CBC. CBC Highways informed the Clerk that due to the number of requests for SID signs
Min (37-20/21)	installation.	they wanted to review their approach. No new signs to be agreed by Highways until a new guidance document is produced.
		CBC Highways contacted the Clerk and stated that they have considered request and do not consider that a SID would be appropriate along Sunderland Road, however they have added the issue of 'vehicle speeds along Sunderland Road' to their four-year plan.
		Other individuals, including Cllr Maudlin and the PCC offered to raise matter with CBC. No progress was made.
		Council agreed to undertake a traffic flow and volume study at a cost of £300 which may be able to provide the evidence needed to have an SID sign agreed by CBC. Report on agenda.
		Meeting between Clerk and Cllr Sutton cancelled at the last minute a new date is being fixed for this meeting. Clerk reached out to other CBC Clerks to understand how they had dealt with the same issues. Confirmed that CBC has the final say on whether SID can be installed.
		Cllr Sutton and Clerk met with Philip Eaton and Wayne Humberstone from the Office of the Police Crime Commissioner to discuss the issue on 04.07.2022. They agreed to pursue the matter with CBC. The response from CBC was: "CBC Engineers are aware of the speed concerns, anticipating that a SID installed in isolation was unlikely to be effective or unlikely to have the desired impact on driver behaviour - leading to disappointment.
		They believe it is better to investigate the problem, so have included the location in the 2022 annual road plan, ensuring a thorough review of the speeds and appropriate measures when they will be able to update the Town Council.
		Subject to CBC / TC accepting verge parking, The Camera, Ticket and collision unit aims to provide the periodic presence of a high visibility marked safety camera van in the area that will influence driver behaviour and encourage compliance of the speed restriction.
		As well as the above I will be speaking to the OPCC comms lead to promote the idea of a speed watch in the Sandy area and would also ask that you promote this scheme through whatever communication channels you have will local residents and businesses.

		I do not have any timeline for the work CBC are going to do but feel that this is matter has been highlighted to them and included in their 2022 plan."	
		No current Speedwatch in Sandy. Clerk to help OPPC promote Speedwatch and make a call out to volunteers via Social Media and newspapers.	
		Publicity on facebook and Council website published in July. Unfortunately, response from residents was fairly negative. Clerk contacted ClIr Maudlin to suggest a possibility of merging streetwatch and speedwatch as the former had proved successful. ClIr Maudlin asked if STC Members would also volunteer to join the groups to help boost numbers.	
		Clerk sent a follow up email to Philip Eaton and Wayne Humberstone on 14.09.2022 to progress matters.	
CSE Monting 23	2/08/2024		
CSE Meeting 23 Min (33-21/22)	RESOLVED that the Clerk	EOI for sites submitted on 24 th August 2021.	
WIII (33-21/22)	submit a list of STC owned	Acknowledgment of receipt received.	
EV Charging	sites for consideration as part	Acknowledgment of receipt received.	
Points	of CBC's EV Charge Point	CBC previously went out to tender to find a company to	
	Scheme.	lead on the EV scheme. BP Pulse has been appointed to	
		install and run the network. The first round of sites is to	
		be agreed and the plan is to get a good geographical	
		spread, but CBC's Head of Sustainability has pushed for	
		charge points in Sandy to be included.	
		It may be that sites with good connection points/grid and	
		capacity are focused on during the initial stage. More	
		information should be known soon. Lead Councillor and	
		staff member to be appointed as contacts for CBC as	
		part of Clerk's exit and handover.	
		Clark contacted Stanbon Maaring at CBC on 25 07 2022	
		Clerk contacted Stephen Mooring at CBC on 25.07.2022 Reply received on 20.9.2022 (see below*). Clerk has	
		invited Mr Mooring to come to the September or October	
		meeting of the Committee. Attendance to be confirmed.	
TC Meeting 07.	03.2022		
Min (207-	RESOLVED that a gas	S106 funding agreed for what was originally planned to	
2021/22)	beacon be used on the day	be a Jubilee Beacon for the town. Following decision on	
······	and that a permanent	7 th March it was agreed that a new Beacon would not be	
Jubilee	memorial request be referred	needed and Clerk to investigate how/if S106 funding	
Beacon/Comm	to the CS&E Committee. One	could be used in an alternate way.	
unity Art	vote against was recorded.		
Funding		It was confirmed by CBC that the S106 funding could be	
		used for a community Arts Project and as long as it fitted	
		with the following criteria:	
		1) A commissioned bespoke piece of art to	
		commemorate the Queen's Platinum	
		Jubilee to be displayed in the town or	

		2) Suggest an arts-based community engagement event
		Members of the public have been encouraged to send suggestions in through the Annual Parish Meeting, Social Media and TC website.
		 Suggestions were: Mosaic from artists that supplied Story in Stone Engage with local children to come up with a design to be judged by the Mayor/Deputy Mayor
		A competition was set up asking school age children to produce a design that would then be turned into a mosaic to contribute to the current mosaic trail in Sandy.
		Press release and competition details have been published and circulated to all local schools, the library and sent to the Chronicle. Local Artist to be engaged as part of the judging panel. Let's Get Going have been asked to include activity on the competition during the Wellbeing Day at Sunderland Road on 18 th September.
		Original mosaic story in stone team Carolyn Blake and Oliver Budd have been engaged and working with the Clerk to organise a children's community event with art workshop held in the October half term at the Chamber with Carolyn enabling children to take part in creating the new mosaic for Sandy. The new Lord Lieutenant had accepted an initial invitation to an official unveiling in November.
		The deadline for entries was to be 21 st September.
		Following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II the Clerk placed any further publicity for the competition on hold for Members to agree a way forward and whether the mosaic should be used to celebrate the life, not just the reign of the HM Queen Elizabeth II. Carolyn Blake is to send through alternative dates that would see the event take place later in the year. An update to the community workshop and the competition to also be submitted.
CSE Meeting 21		
CSE Meeting 09		
Min (130-	It was RESOLVED th	
2021/22) AMP	Clerk seek more deta AMP about the propo enclosure for the pod if other possible site of	sedFurther information circulated to Members. Suggestionsand askfor suitable pockets of land requested.ould be
	considered that would less visual impact wit open space.	

CSE Meeting 0	9.05.2022		
Min (134- 2021/2022)	Meeting between Philip Lovesey, Operations Manager	An inspection of the site was made and problems with strimming identified that prevented access to the culvert	
2021/2022)	at Bedford Group of the	and therefore any action to remove blockages at site.	
Beeston Green Drainage	Drainage Board took place with Cllr Scott, Ward Cllr Stock the Clerk and Members of the Public.	STC Outdoor Team undertook strimming of the area to enable better access to culvert and CBC Contractors have been briefed by Clerk to maintain the area as now set.	
		Drainage Board looking to come out to undertake work to clear the area by the Autumn. There would be a need to undertake public engagement around the clearance work as the silt would need to be placed on the banks and would have an unpleasant odour, so residents must be made aware.	
		Letter received from Bedfordshire and River Ivel Internal Drainage Board outlining works to be carried out during 2022/23 programme along the River Ivel to advise us that the following work would be taking place:	
		De silting De silting/clearing Weed-cutting Spraying Flailing Flailing/Clearing Hand-work	
		Work has started on the Ivel w/c 5.09.2022 Clerk saw works being undertaken in the area alongside the Green Wheel Walk by Girtford Bridge.	

*RESPONSE FROM STEPHEN MOORING REGARDING ELECTRIC CHARGEPOINTS.

Hi Nicola,

Apologies for the delay in coming back to you on this. The current situation is that we have just received confirmation of funding for 12 sites through the On-Street Residential funding Scheme (ORCS). It'll see the addition of 48 new chargepoints (96 sockets) so is a big first step forward for the wider Central Bedfordshire area. It's important to stress that this funding focuses on the provision of chargepoints for the use of residents without access to off street parking with strict criteria around 24 hour access etc, and our ability to make the case that this is needed in a specific location to meet the needs of residents without access to driveways.

Along with bp pulse, we looked at around 150 locations, including the ones put forward by STC. Of the 150 only 12 met the pre April 22 ORCS criteria (which is the funding round we bid in to) and were also deemed affordable when grid connection costs were taken into account. The reason we focused on this is that percentage scheme funding is 75%, with the post April 22 ORCs scheme being 60%. Grid connection cost is by far the biggest issue we are facing (along with the time to get quotes) and rule many sites out.

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Appendix I

Unfortunately, for this round we couldn't make a strong enough case for the sites put forward by STC, so none have made it into the final 12. This was primarily because of grid connection costs, as well being able to demonstrate demand in those areas from residents who have EV's but nowhere off street to charge them.

It's important to stress that this doesn't mean that they are ruled out, but just not suitable for this specific round of ORCS funding round that we bid in to.

The scheme rules have been changed so there is a little more flexibility and Tom is reviewing the long list again in light of the new criteria. It may be that Tom needs to come back to you to get a view on some of the issues which made the site unsuitable for the first round, such as 24 hour access etc.

Running alongside this is the work that the bp pulse network team are doing focusing on the wider public charging network. It's this that I think is more relevant to the sites STC put forward.

They have been given a list of sites and are currently doing surveys, with their recommendations for first phase installs due before the end September. This includes the sites in Sandy. The focus for the first round is getting geographic spread across the area and linking to major transport routes and other attractor (town centres, retail, tourist locations etc). These will be rapid chargers designed for shorter stay so a better fit for your carparks. I will let you know as soon as bp pulse have confirmed this first phase and either Tom or myself will talk you through what we need to do next.

Further to this, in 2023 we expect to be able to bid to the Local EV Infrastructure Fund (LEVI), this will be broader in terms of the types of sites that can be delivered, with less of an emphasis on residential charging. We will look at a charging hub in all of our major towns, including Sandy.

I can only apologise for the time this is taking. Just getting connection quotes back from the DNO for grid connection has taken twice as long as it should, meaning the evaluation process is taking many months so this is proving to be quite a frustrating area of work for us too.

I'm happy to come and meet to discuss and work out the best way forward for STC or attend a meeting with your members as required.

Many thanks

Stephen

Stephen Mooring MIEMA C.Env Head of Sustainability

Date:	26 th September 2022
Title:	Provision of Litter Bins and Benches across Sandy
Contact:	Nicola Sewell, Town Clerk

Purpose of the Report

1. To receive and consider a report outlining a few requests to council to place extra/new bins and benches in some of our open spaces and at bus stops.

Recommendation

2. That the Council undertakes a full audit/survey to understand the need for new/replacement items across the town to determine the need for items and budget for them accordingly.

Background

<u>Bins</u>

- 3.0 The Committee considered a request from a resident to install an extra bin at Sunderland Road Recreation Ground after finding a lot of litter (including broken glass) strewn across the pathway by the All-Weather Pitch at its meeting on 25th July (22 -2022/23). Three options were suggested:
 - i. To utilise any spare litter bins that the Council may hold following a renewal of bins in the area in the past year
 - ii. If no spare bins are held look to see if an underused bin might be relocated from another area
 - iii. If an underused bin is not identified to purchase a new bin using funds from appropriate budget line.
- 3.1 On further investigation the Outdoor Team Leader identified further requirements for new/replacement bins across Sandy's open spaces namely:
 - i. Two replacement bins needed in Sunderland Road recreation ground
 - ii. Two replacement bins needed in Bedford Road recreation ground
 - iii. Repair to Picnic Bench in Bedford Road recreation ground
 - iv. One new bin for the Limes
 - v. One new bin for Fallowfields (although this is subject to continuous vandalism so a suggestion was that we may wish to remove it?

3.2 We currently have one spare bin due to new bins installed with the skatepark that could be repurposed elsewhere. Other bins would need to be purchased.

Benches

- 3.3_ A request was made through Cllr Aldis to install a bench on Bedford Road by number 8 Sheridan House at the bus stop.
- 3.4 There are also several benches across our open areas that are in need of replacement including:
 - Two at Sunderland Road Recreation Ground, one just outside the play area and one at the Berwick Road end of the recreation ground. Both are the old concrete and plank type
 - Two in Bedford Road play area are of the old concrete and plank design in addition the surface of the picnic bench at Bedford Road needs replacing as it has been damaged by attempts to set fire to it

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- 4.0 In 2021 STC purchased and installed several new bins at Sunderland Road Recreation Ground at a cost of circa £410.00 per unit including carriage and fixings.
- 4.1 Wooden benches range from a starting price of £280.00 plus VAT to £585.00 for a picnic style bench and from £574.00 for the composite style benches. This does not include fixings.

4.2 There is £1,000 provisioned for in the 2022/23 budget line for 'Litter bins, Bus Shelters, and Seats'. This budget is to cover all open spaces and not just Sunderland Road.

Policy Implications

5. None.

Legal Powers

6. Council holds the General Power of Competence, for which Sandy Town Council is eligible and is a power of first resort (Localism Act 2011, s.1)

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APPENDIX III

Date: 26.09.2022

Title: CBC On Street Parking Strategy

Contact Officer:

Purpose of the Report

1. To receive and note a report regarding a consultation on Central Bedfordshire Council's review of its On Street Parking Strategy. This is a new policy and therefore it is important that the potential impacts of this policy on residents and visitors are assessed. To formulate a response to the consultation.

Recommendation

2. To respond to CBC's consultation by the deadline of 30th September 2022.

Background

3.0 Central Bedfordshire Council is committed to tackling climate change. One of the ways in which they can make a positive difference is through effective on-street parking management. They want to encourage more walking and cycling for shorter journeys, and for longer journeys encourage more sustainable options such as using public transport wherever possible. Ensuring that routes are attractive and useable for pedestrians and cyclists is key to achieving this. On-street parking management will be necessary so that parked vehicles do not dominate the street scene or prevent access for pedestrians and cyclists.

3.1 The strategy states that its aim is to improve the local environment for all users of each street through regulated parking. CBC have undertaken street by street parking studies.

3.2 The draft strategy states that nationally car ownership continues to increase, with car ownership in Central Bedfordshire at higher rates than the national average. This strategy looks at the reasons why the demand for on-street parking has become so high, and the effect this has on other road users. The strategy looks to give practical advice on how to consistently manage the most common issues that Central Bedfordshire Council faces with on-street parking.

3.3 Central Bedfordshire households have a higher-than-average number of cars or vans, which is why parking is such an important issue. There were 157,000 cars or vans in Central Bedfordshire at the time of the 2011 Census. Forty-seven percent of households owned two or more vehicles (compared to 32% nationally). An estimated 23% of residential properties in Central Bedfordshire (determined by premises age and type) do not have space within their curtilage for off-street parking. These

households are reliant on parking any vehicles associated with their household onstreet, including vehicles owned, leased, or loaned.

3.4 A well planned and managed approach to parking can help make our towns and local communities better places to live, work and visit. The On-street Parking Management Strategy sets out their approach to managing parking on-street and seeks to support sustainability objectives by ensuring streets are useable for pedestrians and cyclists and not dominated by cars. The strategy provides practical advice on how we can consistently manage the most common issues that we face with on-street parking.

3.5 The On-street Parking Management Strategy is one of the strategy documents that will form part of Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) for Central Bedfordshire. The Local Transport Plan sets out the overarching strategy for managing transport in Central Bedfordshire. It identifies local transport priorities and sets out a framework for directing future investment. The On-street Parking Management Strategy is the first of a suite of sub-documents of LTP4 that will be developed to replace the Car Parking Strategy (2011) and the Interim Parking Management Strategy (2018).

3.6 The draft strategy does acknowledge the causes of parking issues including: many older style properties do not have sufficient off-street parking to meet demand. Properties lacking space to adapt to enable parking within their curtilage. An increase in car ownership – more vehicles per property. An increase in the size of vehicles – which takes up more space. Garages are often too small for larger vehicles to fit inside. Garages repurposed for storage or purposes other than parking.

3.7 Much of the draft strategy refers to infringements of the Highway Code such as kerb parking, parking on yellow lines and close to junctions, along with dealing with abandoned vehicles. It suggests that enforcement by way of Traffic Enforcement Notices is one way as well as installation of bollards etc.

3.8 There are several references to reduce pressure on town centres with emphasis on the use of sustainable transport options such as walking, cycling and public transport. It also suggests that free on street short stay parking increases vehicle movements and pollution and may wish to look at charging to encourage sustainable methods and use of car parks instead. Again, this would be consulted on with the new Parking Strategy.

3.9 The strategy discusses creating loading bays for delivery vehicles where shops and businesses do not have them and restricting delivery times into busy areas.

3.10 CBC does not plan to implement a Workplace Parking Levy as this is deemed to be detrimental to economic growth.

Options

4.0 This is a new policy for CBC and therefore it is important that STC expresses its views to ensure that residents are not adversely disadvantaged by any aspects of the strategy once its agreed.

4.1 Whilst this proposed strategy is to form part of the Local Transport Plan there are no references to current Planning Policies. There is reference to the pressures facing town centres, increased car ownership and the possible impacts on side streets if town centre parking restrictions are put in place. However, it does not acknowledge the impact that national planning policy, which allows the conversion of garages to living space and town centre shops, offices, and other businesses to residential use without planning permission, is having on the congestion situation. These changes of building use reduce parking availability at homes and town centres frequently have no on-site parking provision.

4.2 In order to reduce the conflicts between different vehicles and pedestrians in town centres there is the suggestion of moving/restricting delivery vehicles, but no mention is made of the potential additional conflicts with buses and passengers. Whilst we wish to encourage sustainable transport, we should look at the current siting of bus stops and consider if there are alternative and safer options for residents. This change could make it easier for some areas to be more pedestrianised.

4.3 The strategy acknowledges that some residents do not have enough curtilage to take vehicles off the street and therefore implies that those who do should be taking steps to do make this change. This is counter to any environmental policy as it would encourage the destruction of front gardens with their vital habitats and increase the effects of pollution and rain run-off. It would also reduce the biodiversity of our towns.

4.4 Many towns and villages have already seen reductions in transport services due to budget cuts and in CBC there are no buses on Sundays and weekends. Residents in outlying villages who come into town to access health services, trains, schools, visiting friends and relatives as well as shops are increasingly finding it difficult to manage without access to a car. The recent change in bus timetables has meant that residents of Beeston can no longer catch a bus to the Station or Tesco and can only get into the town centre once an hour. The future of any strategy is reliant on a continued, accessible, reliable, and convenient public transport.

4.5 There is a reliance in the strategy on enforcement action to find solutions, but this aspect of is being deferred to a new Parking Strategy to be produced at some point in the future. There is no current timetable for this but without sufficient investment and action this is unlikely to have the desired effect.

4.6 There are few options given in the strategy to providing parking solutions for those residents who are currently without or have difficulties. It is important that vehicle owners are not demonised in the strategy but supported in coming to solutions.

4.7 It would make more sense and reduce duplication and confusion if both strategies were combined and contained specific reference to on-site and off-site parking. With two strategies there are more likely to be issues that are not sufficiently covered by either or contradict each other.

Financial Implications

5.0 There are none.

Policy Implications

6.0 There are none.

Legal Powers

7.0 Council holds the General Power of Competence, for which Sandy Town Council is eligible and is a power of first resort (Localism Act 2011, s.1).

Reputational Implications

8.0 Council represents the interests of its residents and as such should ensure that its voice is heard on all matters that would affect those residents whether to object, approve or make further comments.

AGENDA ITEM: 8 Community, Services and Environment Committee

Date:	26 th September 2022
Title:	Christmas Light Timings
Contact:	Nicola Sewell, Town Clerk

Purpose of the Report

1. To receive a report on how Councils across the UK are amending their plans for Christmas lights in towns and parishes and consider whether Sandy Town Council's current plans are still appropriate at a time when electricity costs are set to rise.

Recommendation

2. To consider reducing the hours that the Christmas lights are lit to cut down on energy use while still offering the community festive cheer during this difficult time and dark winter nights.

Background

- 3.0 Energy bills are set to rise dramatically over the winter months, which will leave many in our community struggling to heat their homes and pay their bills.
- 3.1 At such a time is it appropriate for the council to use taxpayers' money to run the town's Christmas lights as in previous years between the hours of 3pm and midnight from 27th November to 6th January?
- 3.2 Councils across the UK are considering their Christmas Lights provision for 2022, with some even cancelling decorations for the year. Others are reducing the time that their Christmas lights are lit in acknowledgment of the challenges that the cost-of-living crisis will have on households.
- 3.3 Sandy Town Council could consider reducing the hours when the lights are lit with a view to reducing energy costs e.g., taking two hours off the times each day would see a saving of almost 2 days' worth of electricity supply.

Financial Implications

4.0 A reduction in hours would see a cost saving although it is difficult to determine what that saving might be.

Policy Implications

5. None.

Legal Powers

6. Council holds the General Power of Competence, for which Sandy Town Council is eligible and is a power of first resort (Localism Act 2011, s.1)

AGENDA ITEM: 9 Community, Services and Environment Committee

Date:	26 th September 2022
Title:	Mosaic Competition
Contact:	Nicola Sewell, Town Clerk

Purpose of the Report

1. To receive and consider an update on the Queens Platinum Jubilee Mosaic competition.

Recommendation

2. To postpone the event and refocus the works to celebrate the whole of HM Queen Elizabeth II life not just her reign.

Background

- 3.0 The deadline for designs to be submitted for the competition is 21st September, with a workshop planned for the October half term and an official unveiling of the mosaic at a ceremony in November, which the Lord Lieutenant had agreed to attend (date tbc).
- 3.1 To date we have received three entries.
- 3.2 Further publicity and promotion was due to take place the w/c 5th September with engagement taking place with schools and a promotion at the Sandy Active Community Event on 18th September. Late afternoon on Thursday 8th September the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II was announced, and the UK entered a time of formal mourning. As such all promotional activity ceased. Since then, the Active Community Event has also been postponed to a later date in October.

Information

- 4.0 The Clerk has spoken to the artist Carolyn Blake who is running the workshop and she has confirmed she is happy to postpone the date. The Clerk is waiting on confirmation of available dates for the new timeline.
- 4.1 The delay enables Council to review whether they still would like the mosaic to simply reflect the Platinum Jubilee or widen the theme to celebrate the life of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
- 4.2 The extra time will give us a chance to better engage with schools and attract a better response/attendance rate, resulting in a more considered piece of art.

Financial Implications

5.0 The costs for the project are £5,500 and we have secured £2,274 of S106 funding for arts projects and £2,000.00 of Ward Councillor Grants towards it. Members agreed to pay the remaining £1,226 from Capital Reserves.

Policy Implications

6.0 There are no policy implications

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Legal Powers

7.0 The action undertaken is covered by the Localism Act 2011, s.1 the General Power of Competence, for which Sandy Town Council is eligible and is a power of first resort, allowing the Council to do anything an individual can do.

AGENDA ITEM: 10 Community, Services and Environment Committee

Date:	26 th September 2022
Title:	Free Tree Scheme
Contact:	Nicola Sewell, Town Clerk

Purpose of the Report

1. To receive information regarding a free tree scheme being run by Central Bedfordshire Council and consider whether to host an event to support the scheme or look at other ways to support the activity.

Recommendation

2. That the Council takes into consideration whether the timing (planting season is from Oct to March) and the current office staffing situation enables the Council to undertake extra events across this period.

Background

- 3.0 In 2022 Central Bedfordshire Council piloted Free Tree Giveaway events which saw 300 trees successfully 'adopted' and planted by residents across the county.
- 3.1 This year CBC is rolling out the Free Tree Giveaway events again, across a wider area and is encouraging community groups and organisations to host their own event. CBC will provide the trees and toolkits necessary for those who wish to take part this planting season, which runs from October 2022 to March 2023.
- 3.2 CBC will order the trees for hosts, and they can be provided in large buckets to hand out. Last time when handing out the whips (young trees), they sprayed some kitchen roll with water, wrapped it around the roots of the whip to keep it moist, and then put the whip into a biodegradable bag and tied up around the stem.
- 3.3 Follow ups with tree recipients/ advice on maintenance after planting is made possible via the contact details gathered from the 'Tree Adoption Care Contract' form (people must consent to receiving updates first, if they do not consent they will not be contacted).

STC Planned events at this time

- 4.0 From September through to March Sandy Town Council is already committed to organising, publicising, and running the following events:
 - Remembrance Sunday Parade
 - Skate Jam skatepark launch
 - Christmas Lights Switch on
 - Mosaic Competition and Workshop
 - Spring Market
- 4.1 Sandy Greenwheel Walks have already been postponed due to lack of resources and it has been acknowledged by Members that until a full complement of staff is on board that taking on extra events may not be wise at this time.

4.2 A larger event at some point is likely to be required to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III.

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5. Minimal costs as CBC will provide most of the materials and the trees. Some costs will be incurred for printing and publication.

Policy Implications

6. Promoting the planting of trees would support the Council's Environmental Plan working toward the protection and enhancement of Sandy's environment for the health of the town and its community.

Legal Powers

7.Council holds the General Power of Competence, for which Sandy Town Council is eligible and is a power of first resort (Localism Act 2011, s.1).

AGENDA ITEM: 11 Community, Services and Environment Committee

Date:	26 th September 2022
Title:	Resilient Highways Network Consultation
Contact:	Nicola Sewell, Town Clerk

Purpose of the Report

1. To receive information regarding a consultation by Central Bedfordshire Council on which CBC roads are prioritised during extreme weather.

Recommendation

2. To respond to CBC's consultation by the deadline of 9th October 2022.

Background

- 3. CBC maintains a list of high-priority roads in what is called a Resilient Highways Network and has just launched a consultation on which Central Bedfordshire roads are prioritised during extreme weather conditions.
- 3.1 The Resilient Highways Network is reviewed every two years and is one of the requirements set by the Department for Transport for councils to secure additional funding from the government's 'Incentive Fund'. This funding enables the council to minimise the impact of adverse weather by prioritising key routes. During extreme weather such as floods, storms, ice, snow, and heatwaves these roads are prioritised so they can remain available or, if they had to close, they can quickly reopen.
- 3.2 These key roads connect town centres and communities, industrial estates, and business Parks. Keeping these main roads in use helps maintain access to vital services such as schools, railway stations, important food shops, petrol stations, hospitals, police, and fire services.
- 3.3 Cllr Ian Dalgarno, Executive Member for Community Services, said: "We are promoting sustainability to reduce carbon emissions and address climate change, but we know that some of these future weather changes are unavoidable, so we need to be prepared.

"We are experiencing more unprecedented weather conditions like the recent heatwave, and, during these events, it is crucial that we concentrate on the roads we must maintain and keep open to support and benefit residents, businesses, and our emergency services.

"These roads are typically the ones we grit when cold weather is forecast as they are the most well-used and important routes that help keep towns and communities in Central Bedfordshire accessible."

3.4 List of roads is attached or can be viewed here <u>www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/consultations</u>

AGENDA ITEM: 11 Financial Implications

4.0 None.

Policy Implications

5.0 None

Legal Powers

6. Council holds the General Power of Competence, for which Sandy Town Council is eligible and is a power of first resort (Localism Act 2011, s.1).

<u>Appendix A</u>

Resilient Highways Network – August 2022

Area[s]	Town or Parish[es]	Classification	Description
North	Ampthill and Houghton Conquest	B530	Bedford Borough boundary south to A507 in Ampthill [Woburn Road]
	Cranfield and Millbrook	C85	Jubilee Cottages to A507
	Gravenhurst and Campton	C136	Upper Gravenhurst to Campton
	Haynes and Clophill	ZUC131	Great Lane to Church End
	Ampthill	UC121	Oliver Street and Abbey Lane
	Aspley Guise	C94	Aspley Hill
	Clophill	UC133	The Causeway
	Cranfield	UC LOCAL	Technology Park link road
	Flitton	UC117	Flitton Hill
	Flitwick	C100	Froghall Road
	Flitwick	C112	Flitwick to Silsoe via Flitton and Greenfield
	Flitwick	C123	Flitwick Road
	Flitwick	UC105	Temple Way
	Gravenhurst	UC135	Clophill Road
	Harlington	C109	Westoning Road
	Harlington	C109	Harlington to Sundon
	Harlington	C211	Goswell End Road
	Harlington	C199	Barton Road
	Haynes	UC128	Silver End Road
	Haynes	UC130	Church End Road

Area[s]	Town or Parish[es]	Classification	Description
	Haynes	UC128	Plummers Lane to Northwood End Road
North	Houghton Conquest	UC124	London Lane
	Houghton Conquest	UC124	Bedford Road
	Houghton Conquest	UC125	Chapel End Road
	Husborne Crawley	B5704	Mill Road
	Lidlington	C85	High Street and Bury Ware south
	Marston	C77	Marston village
	Millbrook	C83	Millbrook Road
	Millbrook	C103	Fordfield Road
	Shillington	UC144	Hillfoot Road
	Shillington	C140	Bury Road
	Silsoe	C118	High Street and Ampthill Road
	Steppingley	C100	Flitwick Road
South	Barton le Clay	B655	Bedford and Luton Roads
	Barton le clay	C146	Higham Road to Apsley End
	Barton	UC LOCAL	Manor Road
	Caddington	UC218	Chaul End Lane
	Caddington	UC218	Manor Road
	Chalton	B579	Luton Road in Fancott and Chalton
	Dunstable	A5183	Former A5 through Dunstable south to Herts county boundary
	Dunstable	B489	Tring Road
	Dunstable	B4541	Dunstable to Whipsnade crossroads via Dunstable Downs
South	Dunstable	C220	Bedford, Beech, and Boscombe Roads

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	Dunstable	UC LOCAL	Brewers Hill Road, Brittain Street, Bull Pond Lane
	Dunstable	UC LOCAL	Canesworde Road, Chiltern Road, Church Street, Court Drive
	Dunstable	UC LOCAL	Drovers Way, Eyncourt Road, Great Northern Road
	Dunstable	UC LOCAL	Lowther Road, Luton Road, Maidenbower Avenue [Loring to Chiltern]
	Dunstable	UC LOCAL	Mayfield Road and Meadway,
	Dunstable	B489	Tring Road, Vernon Place, Weatherby, West Street
	Dunstable	UC LOCAL	Westfield Road [Drovers Way to Ashcroft], Whipsnade Road
	Dunstable	UC LOCAL	Wilbury Drive, Windsor Drive and Worthington Road
	Dunstable	UC LOCAL	Luton – Dunstable Guided Busway; concrete surfaced length and slip roads
	Dunstable and Houghton Regis	UC LOCAL	Ashcroft – Westfield Road to Loring Road
	Dunstable and Houghton Regis	UC LOCAL	Hillcroft and Houghton Regis High Street
	Dunstable and Houghton Regis	UC LOCAL	Houghton Road, Humphreys Road, Icknield Street, Jardine Way
	Dunstable and Houghton Regis	UC LOCAL	Kingsway, Kirby Road, Langdale Road, Loring Road, Lovett Way
	Dunstable and Houghton Regis	UC LOCAL	Oakwood Avenue, Oldhill, Park Road North, Parkside Drive
South	Dunstable and Houghton Regis	C205	Porz Avenue, Poynters Road, Priory Road, Queensway
	Dunstable and Houghton Regis	UC LOCAL	Queensway Hall, Ridgeway Avenue, Sandringham Avenue

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	Eaton Bray	UC232	High Street
	Eaton Bray	UC235	The Rye
	Eaton Bray	C228	Church End to Bower Lane
	Eaton Bray	B4506	Dunstable Road
	Houghton Regis	UC197	Station, Sundon, Thorn and Tithe Farm Roads
	Houghton Regis	UC LOCAL	Townsend Road [Houghton to Blackburn Road]
	Houghton Regis	A5505	Woodside Link road
	Hyde	B653	Lower Luton Road
	Hyde	C212	West Hyde Road, Chiltern Green Road and Dane Street
	Hyde	C213	Thrales End Road
	Kensworth and Whipsnade	B4540	From A5 east through Kensworth to Whipsnade
	Kensworth	C220	Clayhall Road
	Pulloxhill	UC113	Barton and Greenfield Road
	Slip End	C216	Grove Road
	Slip End	C216	Front Street and Half Moon Lane
	Slip End	C216	Woodside Road
	Streatley	UC201	Moleskin Hill
	Sundon	UC203	Streatley Road
South	Studham	UC226	Studham village – Church, Valley and Common Roads
	Studham	UC224	Buckwood Lane to Buckwood Road
	Studham	C220	Byslips Road
	Studham	C225	Dunstable Road
	Totternhoe	C249	Stanbridge, Castle Hill and Dunstable Roads

Area[s]	Town or Parish[es]	Classification	Description
East	Arlesey	C169	A507 to House Lane
	Arlesey	C169	Church Lane to Stotfold Road
	Arlesey	C169	Stotfold Road
	Biggleswade	B658	A600 east to A1 [Hill Lane, Upper Caldecote]
	Biggleswade	B659	RAF Henlow in Stondon to A1
	Biggleswade and Sandy	C160	A6001 west to B1042
	Biggleswade	UC LOCAL	Dells Lane, Holme Court Avenue, Sun Street, Crabb Lane
	Biggleswade	UC LOCAL	Saxon Drive and Baden Powell Way
	Biggleswade	UC LOCAL	Rose Lane
	Biggleswade	C160	Station Road
	Biggleswade and Potton	B1040	A6001 north to Cambs county boundary at Gamlingay
	Clifton	UC139	New Rd
	Langford	C168	Edworth Road
	Meppershall	UC138	Stondon Road south to Lower Stondon
	Meppershall	C142	Chapel Lane to Stondon Rd
	Meppershall	UC LOCAL	Fildyke Road
East	Moggerhanger	C210	From A603 east to Upper Caldecote
	Northill	C156	Ickwell centre
	Northill	UC165	Thorncote Road to Hatch
	Old Warden	UC147	Cardington boundary south to Old Warden
	Old Warden	UC147	Old Warden village south to Southill Park
	Old Warden	UC150	Bedford Road
	Potton	C58	Tempsford east to Myers Road

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	Potton	C58	Everton
	Potton	UC177	Myers Road
	Potton	UC182	Hatley Road to Wrestlingworth
	Potton	UC183	Cathagena Road
	Potton and Sandy	B1042	Sandy southeast via Potton and Wrestlingworth to Cambs boundary
	Sandy	A603	Bedford Borough boundary in Moggerhanger east to A1 at Sandy roundabout
	Sandy	C51	Girtford A1 underpass to St Neots Road
	Sandy	C210	B658 in Upper Caldecote to A603
	Sandy	C61	Sandy to Everton
	Sandy	C167	Link of A1 in Beeston to A603
	Sandy	UC251	New Road
	Sandy	UC LOCAL	Sunderland Road
	Sandy	C51	Georgetown Road
	Shefford	C136	Link from A507 to Shefford
	Shefford	C207	Hitchin and Clifton Roads to A507
East	Shillington	C146	Pegsdon north to A600 at Stondon
	Shillington	C143	Aspley End
	Southill	UC159	Southill Road to A6001 [Gypsy Lane - Broom]
	Southill	C209	Southill High Street east to B658
	Southill	UC151	Southill village to Southill Park
	Southill	UC155	Stanford south east to A6001 in Henlow
	Stondon	A600	A507 at Airman Public House south to Herts county boundary in Lower Stondon

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	Stotfold	C171	Astwick Road
	Stotfold	C171	Regent Street
	Stotfold	UC173	Rooktree Lane and Queen Street
	Wrestlingworth	C185	Wrestlingworth south west to A1 [Cambridge and Biggleswade Roads]
West	Aspley Guise	UC188	Horsepool and Woburn Lanes and Woodside
	Aspley Heath	UC92	Church Road
	Eggington	UC239	Eggington village
	Eversholt	UC96	Lower Berry End
	Eversholt	UC98	Tyrells End and Brook End
	Heath and Reach	UC244	Miletree Road and Eastern Way
	Heath and Reach	UC247	Brickhill Road
	Leighton Buzzard	A418	Wing Road, A505 roundabout to Bucks county boundary
	Leighton Buzzard	A4012	A507 west to Leighton Buzzard
West	Leighton Buzzard	A4146	Leighton bypass to River Ouzel bridge at Herts boundary
-	Leighton Buzzard	C238	Billington and Stanbridge Roads
	Leighton Buzzard	UC LOCAL	Appenine Way, Bassett Road, Bideford Green
	Leighton Buzzard	UC LOCAL	Billington Road, Brooklands Drive, Bunkers Lane
	Leighton Buzzard	UC LOCAL	Cedars Way, Church Street, Clarence Road, Cotefield Drive
	Leighton Buzzard	UC LOCAL	Derwent Road, Grovebury Road, Heath Road, Himley Green
	Leighton Buzzard	UC LOCAL	Hockliffe Road, Hockliffe Street, King Street, Knaves Hill, Lake Street

Area[s]	Town or Parish[es]	Classification	Description
	Leighton Buzzard	UC LOCAL	Leighton Road, Leston Road, Meadway, Mentmore Road, North Street
	Leighton Buzzard	C246	Old Linslade Road, Old Road, Plantation Road, Queen Street
	Leighton Buzzard	UC LOCAL	Shenley Hill Road, Soulbury Road, South Street, Southcourt Avenue
	Leighton Buzzard	UC LOCAL	Southcourt Road, Springfield Road, St Marys Way
	Leighton Buzzard	C255	Stanbridge Road, Stoke Road, Vandyke Road, West Street and Wing Road
	Leighton Buzzard	UC LOCAL	Chartmoor Road
	Lidlington	UC86	Church St north to A421
	Milton Bryan	B5704	A4012 to A5120 via Milton Bryan village
	Ridgmont	UC96	Eversholt Road
	Stanbridge	UC237	Peddars Lane and Mill Road
West	Studham	A4146	B4506 junction south east to Pedley Hill
	Toddington	C193	Hockliffe Road to Leighton Road
	Toddington	UC LOCAL	Manor Road
	Toddington	UC108	Long Lane
	Chalton	B579	Luton Road
	Woburn	A5130	Woburn Sands to A4012
	Woburn	C194	Sheep Lane to London Road
Entire Sections			
North and South	Haynes, Clophill, Silsoe and Barton	A6	Bedford Borough boundary in Haynes south to Luton Borough boundary in Streatley

Area[s]	Town or Parish[es]	Classification	Description
North and South	Flitwick and Toddington	A5120	A507 in Ampthill to Houghton Regis centre
North and South	Harlington and Barton	A600	A5120 to B655
North and East	Haynes and Shefford	A600	Bedford Borough boundary in Haynes south to A507 in Shefford
West and South	Leighton Buzzard and Dunstable	A505	A418 east to A5183 [former A5]
West, North and East	Ampthill, Maulden, Shefford, Arlesey and Stotfold	A507	A421 and M1 junction east to A1

PUBLIC NOTICE



CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE A DISABLED PARKING BAY ON CHURCHILL WAY, SANDY

<u>Reason for proposal</u>: The disabled parking space would provide a dedicated place for blue badge holders to park.

Effect of the Order:

To introduce Parking for Disabled badge holders only on the following length of road in Sandy:-

1. Churchill Way, south-west side, from a point approximately 3.5 metres south-east of the northeastern flank wall of No.23 Churchill Way and extending in a south-easterly direction, covering an area approximately 6.6 metres in length and 2 metres in width.

Please see plan for clarification.

Details may also be viewed online at <u>www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/publicstatutorynotices</u>.

<u>Comments</u> should be sent by e-mail to <u>highways.consultation@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</u> by 30 September 2022. Any objections must state the grounds on which they are made **and must quote unique reference number A00337.** If you want to send in your comments in writing please send them to the address shown below FAO Emily Hirst.

Please note that any comments received will be redacted of personal information and uploaded onto the Central Bedfordshire Council website as part of a report on the scheme a few days before the proposal is discussed at the relevant Traffic Management Meeting, where it will remain in the public domain. If you do not which for your comments to be part of the report please state this explicitly within your response.

<u>Order Title</u>: If made will be "Central Bedfordshire Council (Bedfordshire County Council (District of Mid Bedfordshire) (Civil Enforcement Area and Special Enforcement Area) (Waiting Restrictions and Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2008) (Variation No.*) Order 202*"

Central Bedfordshire Council Priory House Chicksands Shefford SG17 5TQ Daryl Harvey Head of Highways

09 September 2022

Disabled Persons Parking Bay Proposal for Churchill Way, Sandy



Churchill Way, Sandy south-west side, from a point approximately 3.6m south-east of the north-eastern boundary of No. 23 and extending in a south-easterly direction, covering an area approximately 6.6 metres in length and 2 metres in width.