

Sandy Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of Community Services and Environment Committee of Sandy Town Council held in the Council Chamber at 10 Cambridge Road, Sandy, Bedfordshire on Monday 27th March 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs N Áldis, A Lock, R Lock, C Osborne, M Scott, S Sutton (Chair) and N Thompson.

Absent: Cllrs J Ivanciu-Wilkinson and L Ivanciu-Wilkinson

In attendance: Cllrs Hewitt, Pettitt, Sharman and Mr T Price - Central Bedfordshire Council and 2 Members of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

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| 1 Apologies for Absence (83-2022/23)
Apologies were received from Cllrs J Ivanciu-Wilkinson and L Ivanciu-Wilkinson. | Admin |
| 2 Declaration of Interest and requests for dispensations (84-2022/23)
i) <i>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests</i> – None.
ii) <i>Non-Pecuniary Interests</i> – None
iii) <i>Dispensations</i> – None. | |
| 3 Minutes of previous Meeting (85-2022/23)
RESOLVED to receive the minutes of the Community Services & Environment Committee held on Monday 13th February 2023 and to approve them as a correct record of proceedings. | Deputy Clerk |
| 4 Public Participation Session (86-2022/23)
No members of the public were present. | |

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5 Action List (87 -2022/23)

Members received and noted the action list.

It was RESOLVED that the following amendments be made to the Action List:

- (a) To reduce information on allotment lease
- (b) To reduce the item on the mosaic project.
- (c) To remove the item relating to the jubilee Beacon.
- (d) To note that the work being undertaken by the IDB on Beeston Green had been postponed until April and that local residents would be given as much notice as possible. If necessary Councillor Scott volunteered to distribute advisory letters to local residents

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6 Electric Vehicle Points (88 -2022/23)

The Committee received a presentation from Mr Tom Price of Central Bedfordshire Council on the national picture relating to EV point provision as well as the approach of Central Bedfordshire Council and its plans to install EV charging points in its area including various locations within the main town carpark. There would be a total of:

- 4 x dual socket 7kW charge points (8 points over 8 standard sized bays, 6-8 hour charge time) – these were for residential use (for those local residents who cannot charge at home)..
- 3 x 50kW rapid charge points (6 points over 6 accessible sized bays, 30-60 minute charge time) – these charge points would expand the public network, largely along main transport routes, such as the A1. Due to the accessible size of these bays, there would be a requirement to use approx. 8/9 standard sized bays to accommodate this but it would mean drivers using facilities in the town centre whilst their vehicles were charged..

The Committee discussed other options for car charging in the town.

It was RESOLVED that:

- (a) The Committee in principle supports the plans for installation of EV charging points in the Councils' carpark and recommends that Central Bedfordshire Council submits the final plans to the Full Council Meeting.
- (b) The Committee notes that the EV points installed in the carpark would be subject to Traffic Regulation Orders

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- (c) The EV proposals could have major implications on the running of the carpark therefore a Working Group be set up to discuss the implications for the town carpark
- (d) That the following Councillors be appointed to the Working Group – Councillors J Hewitt, A Lock ,M Scott , S Sutton and N Thompson

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7 Community Services and Environment Committee Action Plan 2023/24 - Draft (89-2022/23)

The Committee considered a draft of the Community Services and Environment Committee's Action Plan for 2023/24. The Chairman took Members through the plan and various questions and queries were raised and answered. The Chairman advised the meeting that the draft plan would be updated as required and it would be a live and reactive document

It was RESOLVED that:

- (a) The Action Plan be approved and reports be submitted to monitor progress.
- (b) That the report on the installation of the new town welcome signs be submitted to the next Town Council Meeting.

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8 Sandye Place – Future Plans to incorporate discussions with the Neighbourhood Plan Group (90-2022/23)

Further to the meeting of the Town Council on 6 March 2023 the Committee was advised Council had resolved that future Plans for Sandye Place would be discussed with the Sandy Neighbourhood Plan Working Group. The Committee was invited to discuss how to progress the matter. To assist the discussion the Committee had been circulated with the summary of the findings of the Community Plans Working Groups' recommendations on the future of Sandye Place Academy. It was also reminded of the resolutions of the Council made at the Extraordinary meeting of the Town Council held on 17 December 2018. The Committee discussed the best way to review the Town Councils' views on the future of Sandye Place and set an approach to secure an effective working arrangement with the Sandy Neighbourhood Plan Group on future plans for Sandye Place

It was RESOLVED that:

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- (a) Central Bedfordshire Council be reminded of the Town Councils' views on the future of Sandye Place
 - (b) The new CBC Councillors returned after the elections be briefed on this Councils' views on the future of Sandye Place.
 - (c) The Town Council continues to work with the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group on shaping design guides and a master plan for Sandye Place
- Deputy Clerk
- Town Clerk

9 Carved Sandy Sign in the Town Centre (91-2022/23)

The Committee considered a report on securing the repair and maintenance of the carved sign. The original carver of the sign had quoted for the work at a cost of £910.

The Committee was also disappointed to note that a highway directional sign had been erected close to the carved sign

RECOMMENDED that in accordance with Financial Regulations the requirement to seek two more quotations is not appropriate because of the specialist nature of the work and Glyn Mould of the Carvers Workshop be asked to undertake the work during this Summer at a cost of £910

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RESOLVED that Central Bedfordshire Council be asked to remove the highways directional sign that has been erected by the carved sign because it has a detrimental impact on the carved sign and it effectively blocks it from view on High Street, Sandy

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Events Working Group (92-2022/23)

The Committee was advised on issues considered by the Working Group

- (a) Spring Market 23 April
It was noted sixteen stalls had been booked so far. The required road closure was in place
- (b) Coronation Big Lunch Sunday 7 May 2023
It was reported that the organization of the Big Lunch was going well and on budget
- (c) Christmas Lights
It was noted that it was likely that the Friends of the Sandy Christmas Lights would not be organizing the 2022 event. The Committee discussed the likely implications of this decision on the Town Council and on the holding of the switch on event. It was the general view of the Committee that the Town Council would take responsibility for the switch on event

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11 Chairman's Items (93-2022/23)

There were none.

12 Date of Next Meeting (94-2022/23)

Monday 5 June 2023.

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