

# 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 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 commencing at 7.38pm

**Present:** Cllrs N Aldis, B Blackley, J Hewitt, A Lock, R Lock, C Osborne, M Scott, and S Sutton (Chair)

**Absent:** Cllr Thompson

**In attendance:** Nicola Sewell Town Clerk

### Action

**1 Apologies for Absence (CSE-18-2024/25)**

Apologies were received from Cllr Thompson

Admin

**2 Declaration of Interest and requests for dispensations (CSE 19 -2024/25)**

The Clerk advised Members that they had the opportunity at the meeting to disclose any new items that needed to be disclosed

- i) *Disclosable Pecuniary Interests* – None.
- ii) *Non pecuniary interests* – Cllr A Lock declared an interest in Item 6 as being a member of St Swithuns PCC, Cllr R Lock declared an interest in Item 6 as Treasurer of St Swithuns PCC and Cllr Osborne declared an interest in Item 6 as a Church Warden at St Swithuns Church
- iii) *Dispensations* – None.

**3 Minutes of previous meeting (CSE 20-2024/25)**

**RESOLVED** to receive the minutes of the Community Services & Environment Committee held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and to approve them as a correct record of proceedings.

**4 Public Participation Session (CSE 21-2024/25)**

There were no members of the public present.

Clerk

**5 Noticeboards and planters for Beeston (CSE 22-2024/25)**

Members received a request to temporarily repair and budget to replace the noticeboard at Beeston Green in 2025/26 and for the repair/replacement of three planters on the Green.

**RESOLVED** to note the report and agreed to purchase the second option on the report – Notus Double Door External Notice Board with Round Posts and Finials at a cost of £2,350 - and that funds

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to purchase this should come from the £5,000 EMR donated by Anglian Water. Also that repairs to the three planters should be carried out at a cost of £250 to come from cost centre 500 budget line 4037.

Outdoor Team  
Leader

## 6 Churchyard Wall Repairs Update (CSE 23-2024/25)

Members received a report from the Clerk regarding repairs to the closed Churchyard wall.

**RESOLVED** to note the report. The Clerk will report back with costs after estimates for the work is sought.

Clerk

## 7 Solar Panels for the Depot (CSE 24-2024/25)

Members received a report from the Clerk regarding options to place solar panels on the roof of the Depot.

**RESOLVED** to note the report. Members felt there were too many possibilities at this time and asked the Clerk to invite companies to attend site and make recommendations on what would be the best options for solar panels.

Deputy Clerk

## 8 Allotment Update (CSE 25-2024/25)

Members received a report from the Clerk containing the latest information from Central Bedfordshire Council about the provision of land for allotments in Sandy.

**RESOLVED** to seek further information regarding the costs to set up 'Field 3' including how many plots would fit on site, what the achievable income might be and set up/maintenance costs. A further report would come back to CS&E in September. Also to speak to BRCC to understand if a direct lease for the Community Garden and Orchard could be established between BRCC and CBC for the Beeston Green site.

Deputy Clerk

## 9 Summer Bedding Contract renewal (CSE 26-2024/25)

Members were asked to consider and agree on the schemes for Summer Bedding to provide details to enable a briefing document to be created by the Admin Team Leader in order that quotes/tenders can be sought before the budget setting process in the Autumn.

**RESOLVED** to get quotes to continue with the current scheme of hanging baskets and flower towers.

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## **10 Pitchpower update (CSE 27-2024/25)**

Members received a report from the Clerk giving an update on the Pitchpower project and any funding opportunities to improve the pitches at Sunderland Road recreation ground.

**RESOLVED** to note the report.

## **11 Sunderland Road Drainage (CSE 28-2024/25)**

Members received a quote from Parrott Utilities to carry out a CCTV survey to identify the defects along a partially blocked pipe, suspected to have severe root ingress causing drainage issues. Following the survey a quote will be supplied for further works upon its findings.

CCTV investigation to cost £450 inc VAT

**RESOLVED** to undertake investigative CCTV work at a cost of £450.

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## **12 Action List (CSE 29-2024/25)**

Members received the Action List and any updates. Cllr Hewitt also reported that she had spoken to Tom Price at CBC about the EV Charging Points. The Council was now looking at an August installation date as the dual set up for rapid and standard charging points required a special cabinet, which had been ordered but taken some time to be received. Further delays had been caused as the team were also required to liaise with the external UK Power Networks Team to organise the installation.

## **13 Chairmans' Items (CSE 30-2024/25)**

There were none.

## **14 Date of Next Meeting: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

The meeting ended at 21:05