

Sandy Town Council

To: Cllrs N Aldis, P Blaine, S Doyle, A Gibson, A M Hill, T Knagg, C Osborne, M Scott, S Sutton (Chairman), N Thompson
c.c. J Hewitt, W Jackson, R Lock, 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, Bedfordshire on Monday 23 September 2019 commencing at 7.30pm.



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A G E N D A

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 12 August 2019 and to approve them as a correct record of proceedings.

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.

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

Subject	Action to be taken		Response /Status
	Minute	Action	
Full Council Meeting 20/4/16			
Allotments and Community Orchard	(22-16/17)	Progress and update reports to go to the Community Services and Environment Committee	Full Council approved of HoTs for lease of land on 9 April 2019. Quote for lease work received and agreed. Awaiting response from CBC to progress the drawing up of a lease.
12/8/19			
Parking Surveys Action from results	(40-19/20)	That signage in Kings Road be replaced with more explicit information. Clerk to clarify costs of having white 'H' bars painted in front of driveways. Response Group to produce a leaflet summarising the feedback and thanking residents.	Request put forward to Highways. Application cost of £125. This covers a site visit, inspection and the works. If your application is rejected, CBC refund £100 of the original payment and detail the reason why an H bar isn't possible at the requested location. Ongoing

SANDY TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE: Community Services and Environment**DATE:** 23 September 2019**SUBJECT:** Promoting Responsible Dog Ownership and Decreasing Anti-Social Behaviour**1. Summary**

1.1 The following request has been received from K9 Dog Training and Behaviour Centre for Members' consideration.

2. Correspondence**From:** Jay K9 <info@jayk9.co.uk>**Subject:** Promoting Responsible dog ownership and decreasing anti-social behaviour

Hi,

I run Jay K9 Dog Training and Behaviour Centre, just outside Biggleswade. I've worked as a trainer for about 5 years now and am fully qualified (with the Association of Pet Dog Trainers as well as others) and insured. From our training grounds at The Willow Tree Canine Daycare we run a variety of classes including Kennel Club Good Citizen classes. We offer Mantrailing Sessions - a dog sport of finding missing people (we teach owners and their dogs search and rescue skills, but just for fun), in addition to this one of my own dogs is currently training to gain his operational license to actively work as a Search and Rescue dog.

We are currently looking for areas that will allow us to practice Mantrailing and believe that this could support some of the local parish councils, so are keen to work with them.

1. Mantrailing is a dog sport that promotes responsible dog ownership, it is fully inclusive for all dog breeds and ages as well as people and is done on-lead, we only work 1 dog at a time and never have more than 6 dogs per session. We encourage owners to get out and about and do that bit more with their dog, not only providing great exercise, but also mental stimulation in a really nice teamwork activity.

2. We are a visible presence that can deter anti-social behaviour. As you'll see by the link to our video below, when working our dogs handlers are asked to wear hi-vis jackets and the dogs look very much like 'search dogs' this in itself can deter a lot of the anti-social behaviour that you may experience. Dogs remain on lead under close control of the handler at all times.

I've included a video below to show you a little bit more of what we do. In essence we have a pedestrian member of the group walk away and disappear out of sight

(usually within a 100 meters or so), they will hide behind trees or corners etc. we then use one of the dogs on lead to find that person.

<https://www.facebook.com/jayk9dog/videos/2597752203591930/>

We are currently looking for areas that would be happy to have us work. We would be using a central meeting point where we would probably have 6-8 cars that needed to be parked. As I've previously mentioned dogs work 1 at a time. Venues don't need to commit to regular visits from us, as we like to use a variety of different locations, maybe looking at one visit per month. If this is something you feel you would be interested in please let me know.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks

Gerry @ Jay K9

SANDY TOWN COUNCIL**COMMITTEE: Community Services and Environment****DATE: 23 September 2019****SUBJECT: Sandy Football Club****1. Summary**

- 1.1 The Clerk has received a request from Sandy Football Club to use portable floodlights at the Bedford Road recreation ground pitch to support training. Members are to consider and agree a response to the club.

2. Request for Use of Floodlights

- 2.1 The Sandy Football Club and the Sandy Colts merged to form one club, in part with the purpose of supporting the progression of young players through to the adult teams. The Club have reported that they are struggling to get training slots on the all-weather pitch at Sunderland Road for all of their teams. In some cases, they have 4 junior teams sharing the pitch which is not ideal, but the Club have said they will continue trying this for the time being.
- 2.2 The largest issue for the Club is the men's teams. They have approximately 40 players training, and they only have half a pitch available. They feel that this is unworkable, and they risk losing players if they do not have adequate facilities.
- 2.3 They have stated that some years ago there were floodlights at Bedford Road Park (some are still up in the trees). It is the Clerk's understanding that these lights were there prior to the development of Albion Court. The Club's 1st team manager has suggested that they could use portable floodlights which are 6ft high and would allow the Bedford Road pitch to be used to support training. They feel that the height of the portable floodlights would mean they wouldn't shine into the residents' houses. The team have investigated how we could set them up and feel this can be done so as the lights are shining well away from the resident's houses, towards the Clubhouse.
- 2.4 Times of use would be Wednesday 18:00 to 20:30 (at the very latest) and possibly Thursday 19:00 to 20:00.
- 2.5 The Club are asking whether the use of the portable floodlights could be a viable option and if so, whether the Town Council would approve use of the lights at Bedford Road.

SANDY TOWN COUNCIL**COMMITTEE:** Community Services and Environment**DATE:** 23 September 2019**SUBJECT:** New Siting for a Bus Stop**1. Summary**

- 1.1 At a meeting of the Full Council on 5 August 2019 Members considered a question from a member of the public that the Council support the relocation of a bus stop on the High Street to a layby outside Stonecroft.
- 1.2 It was suggested the bus stop at this location would provide a proper layby for the bus and reduce congestion on the High Street as vehicles wait for the bus to drop off and collect. Concern was expressed that the layby is used for parking and for drop off and pick up during school time and that the loss of the bay would have a negative impact on High Street traffic around school times.
- 1.3 The Clerk was asked to obtain more information from Central Bedfordshire Council on relocation of bus stops and whether cars were permitted to use bus stops for parking or waiting.

2. Information

- 2.1 Central Bedfordshire Council's Principal Public Transport Officer has said that CBC would consider moving a bus stop, but there would need to be good grounds for doing so and it would only be moved if there was an alternative location close by.
- 2.2 It was confirmed that cars should not be using bus stops to drop off or to park. In such cases enforceable action may be able to be taken in which CBC Parking Teams can carry out additional checks at key times of the day and potentially ticket cars that are stopping in a bus stop.

3. High Street Bus Stop

- 3.1 An initial response from CBC on relocating a bus stop to a layby outside of Stonecroft is that they would not recommend it. CBC stated it was not clear why the resident wishes to have the bus stop relocated and that any delay to traffic that occurs from the stops current location would likely be minimal. While consideration could be given to relocating the bus stop the purpose of the layby outside of Stonecroft must be taken into consideration, including use as a parking area for the flats that do not have garages.
- 3.2 Repurposing the area as a bus stop will mean that it cannot be used for parking or waiting/dropping off. This may cause more congestion on the High Street at key times in the day. In addition, if the parking area were to be

turned into a bus stop, people may still continue using it for dropping off and picking up, meaning that a bus might be unable to use the bay. This could create inconvenience for any passenger waiting as they would have to step onto the road and walk between cars to reach the bus.



SANDY TOWN COUNCIL**COMMITTEE:** Community Services and Environment**DATE:** 23 September 2019**AUTHOR:** Cllr Amanda Gibson**SUBJECT:** Sandy Green Wheel – 1st Anniversary Walk – 15th September 2019**1. Summary**

- 1.1 The following is a briefing report of the Sandy Green Wheel 1st anniversary walk. This included feedback from participants and opportunities for improvements that could be made, the responsibility for which may lie with the different agencies and groups.
- 1.2 The purpose of the walk was to raise awareness of the full route of the Green Wheel and to encourage the people of Sandy and walkers to use the amenity. Also to promote the Friends of Sandy Green Wheel group, which we are hoping will be formed and active by the end of the year.
- 1.3 The walk was well attended and there were a lot of appreciative comments made about having the opportunity to meet and walk the route with new people.

2. The Walk

- 2.1 There were approximately 45 people who commenced the walk from Sandy Community Stand. This was a good meeting place and enabled people to make connections and find “friends” to walk with. Maps were given out and we talked about Friends of Sandy Green Wheel whilst we were waiting. We were fortunate to have a lovely sunny day which inevitably encouraged people to come out and walk, and there was a good mix of ages, families and dogs who came along.



- 2.1 The “I Walked Sandy Green Wheel” pin badges were given out at the start and these were very well received and was also a great opportunity to have a quick chat with everyone and to thank them for coming.



- 2.2 Most people commented that they were looking forward to walking the whole route, some had done parts of the walk but were not sure about how some parts of the path linked across the Riddy and at Girtford Bridge.
- 2.3 We left at about 10.15 as planned, although as the walk was unguided, we became strung out quite early on – with people walking at their own pace, as intended.



3. Feedback And Improvement Opportunities.

- 3.1 In general, the whole route was easy to walk with paths clearly marked and little or no problem with overgrowth.
- 3.2 More litter bins are needed on the route and those that are there at the Pinnacle and at South Mills (near DC Packaging) need to be emptied regularly and the nettles cut back to enable people to access them.
- 3.3 The path across the Riddy is not well sign posted, so we could consider the possibility of putting marker posts on the riverbank before the inlet where the cattle go down to drink. There have been planks placed across the mud recently, but this is not the path and is probably unsafe. If a bridge is desired here so the path follows the course of the river, we need to consider building a proper /safe crossing fit for all weather conditions.

- 3.4 On the day of the walk, some people did cross at this point which was probably not a good idea and in future, we need someone who knows the path to lead at least until this point.
- 3.5 Fortunately there were no incidents crossing the rickety bridge when leaving the Riddy, however repairs are needed here as soon as possible.
- 3.6 The footpath on Girtford Bridge needs clearing of vegetation that has grown over the summer and there is still some rusty scrap metal that needs to be removed.
- 3.7 Crossing the A603 was the next challenge but passed off without incident however the footpath heading back to the river is very overgrown and needs clearing again. There is also a lot of litter on the path in the undergrowth.
- 3.8 The river section to South Mills was recently cut back and easy to walk. We did notice a lot of Himalayan Balsam growing on both sides of the path along the river edge and in the stream/ditch on the right-hand side. This is an invasive plant that needs the right agency or volunteer group to resolve and needs to be tackled from the bank and the river.



- 3.9 At the weir, we stopped and looked at the fish in the shallows of the river. This is a great spot to look for wildlife and could also be a good spot for a Green Wheel map board to be placed to explain the history of Bailey bridge, the weir and the gravel excavations that created the lakes.
- 3.10 The litter bin at DC Smith Packaging was full and surrounded by nettles. Could it be a possibility to add a litter bin where the Green Wheel path joins Cycle Route 51?
- 3.11 The main issue walkers faced on the day was locating the Green Wheel route when coming back into Sandy. This was particularly the case at the entrance

to the path along Fallowfield adjacent to Sunderland Road where signage was particularly poor and needs to be improved. Some walkers walked along Sunderland Road whilst others scrambled down a bank – neither of which are ideal solutions.

- 3.12 Again, it would be good to have a litter bin somewhere near to the railway bridge as there is a lot of litter along this stretch. The bridge itself is a good viewing point for the Solar Farm, Hazells Hall and looking back towards where the walkers have walked from. The graffiti here is very interesting too!



- 3.13 The path back along the railway line was in good condition with not too much litter around but could do with some light pruning.

- 3.14 The walk ended at the Queens Head pub where a few people stopped for a drink and a chance to express their appreciation to Sandy Town Council for organising the event. There was also interest in arranging more walks like this in the future – maybe one for each season, and also for some to join Friends of Sandy Green Wheel.



- 3.15 On the whole, the day was a great success and seemed to be enjoyed by everyone.

SANDY TOWN COUNCIL**COMMITTEE:** Community Services and Environment**DATE:** 23 September 2019**SUBJECT:** Town Centre Parking Infringements**1. Summary**

- 1.1 The Council has received increased complaints about parking infringements within the town centre. Complaints are mainly linked to larger vehicles, such as vans which are parked on hazard lines or pavements while carrying out deliveries or collections.
- 1.2 Members are asked to consider the matter and whether they wish to put forward any solutions for consideration by Central Bedfordshire Council's Highways and Parking departments.

2. Summary of Key Issues

- 2.1 The main issues raised relate to vans which are trying to collect or drop off goods in Sandy and are unable to find appropriate parking to do so. Recent incidents have been reported of a van stopping on the hazard marks at the High Street pedestrian crossing, vans parked on double yellow lines, and vans parked on paving at the area of the community stand and benches.

3. Loading Bay

- 3.1 A potential solution may be the creation of a loading bay within the area where issues have been reported. Members are asked to consider whether they feel a loading bay is needed in the town centre and whether there is space to create one. The creation of a dedicated loading bay could avoid delivery vans parking on the pavement but may result in a reduction in the number of parking bays or public space currently available.
- 3.2 There may be scope to ask the Highways Authority if they would consider looking at installing a loading bay in Pleasant Place as shown in the image below.





- 3.3 Alternatively consideration could be given to ask whether part of the existing parking along the High Street could be designated for loading and unloading, however this would reduce car parking along the High Street.



- 3.4 If the creation of a loading bay was deemed necessary at one of the two points suggested above, the matter could be put forward for consideration under the next round of Central Bedfordshire Council's Rural Match Fund in 2020.
- 3.5 The Clerk will ask CBC to carry out increased enforcement in the town to highlight the issues faced.

SANDY TOWN COUNCIL**COMMITTEE:** Community Services and Environment**DATE:** 23 September 2019**SUBJECT:** Street Food Market Review**1. Summary**

- 1.1 The final in a series of Street Food 'Str-eat Feast' markets was held on Friday 13th September 2019. The Clerk and the Vice Chairman of the Community Services and Environment Committee have met with the organisers to review how the markets have gone and whether they would be requesting to hold the markets again in 2020.

2. Feedback from the Organiser

- 2.1 The organiser runs similar events in Ampthill, Henlow, Stotfold and Bedford. They have found the Sandy event the hardest to draw people to, however poor weather on the days of the markets was a large factor. Prior to the last market, which was held on 13th September, the organiser was unsure about trying to run the markets again in 2020. This was in part due to the difficulty in getting vendors for the Sandy market, resulting from relatively low sales at the previous markets. However, the latest market was a good success, with most vendors selling a good level. The original market was also very successful.

The organiser would therefore like to look at coming back to Sandy in 2020 if the Council are happy for them to do so.

- 2.2 The organiser also gave the following points;

- The car park is not an ideal setting for people to sit and relax in, especially when the weather is poor. However, they recognise that town centre space is limited, and this site gives them a good level of space for setting up and operating.
- The layout of the market could be changed to make it more open.
- CBC licencing still maintain they must charge for entry to the event. This is not the case in Cambridgeshire and Bedford Borough.
- The majority of attendees are coming having seen the market advertised, as opposed to drawing in passing foot traffic.
- There has been good feedback from attendees on social media, mainly that this is something different for Sandy and provides something additional for residents to enjoy.
- Some weeks there have been issues with people parking cars in the coned off area.

3. Points to Address if the Market is to Return

3.1 If the market is to return in 2020 the Council would need to work with the organiser to see if it is able to address some of the following points;

- a) Location – Are there any other suitable areas in the town which might be able to host the market?

The organisers felt that their original location in the area of the car park closer to Shannon Court was too small and difficult to operate from.

Using the walkway between the car park and Cambridge Road was suggested, but this was considered to be too small and may cause issues with blocking off public access.

Bedford Road recreation ground was suggested but could create an issue with car parking.

- b) Site layout – If there are no other locations, the organiser will look to change the layout of future markets to have them more open. Whether the Council could lend some of its barriers to help this layout (due to the need to charge access would still need to be controlled).
- c) Waste – The market is making more of an effort to reduce waste and go greener by getting rid of plastic and where possible cardboard (such as pizza boxes). Can the Council assist in disposing of waste? At other locations the organisers pay a charge to the Council for a bin which the Council then empties.
- d) Parked cars – whether the Council can do anything further to stop cars parking in the market area. The Council currently leaflet ahead of the event and cone off the area first thing on the Friday morning. The issue arises as cars park in the area after it has been coned off.

Potential to look at having a chain/rope to go across the marked off area.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 That the Council agree in principle for the markets to return from April to September 2020 and the Clerk and Events Working Group work with the organiser to see if the Council can assist in addressing any of the points highlighted in section three of the report.

SANDY TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE: **Community Services and Environment**

DATE: **23 September 2019**

SUBJECT: **Public Space Protection Order Consultation**

1. Summary

- 1.1 Central Bedfordshire Council are currently holding a consultation on proposed changes to Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) which include alcohol zones and dog control orders. The Community Services and Environment Committee (CSE) previously considered a report on PSPO's and agreed that PSPO's covering alcohol zones in each of the town's recreation grounds and its Market Square should put forward for inclusion in the consultation.
- 1.2 The committee did not consider CBC's proposals on changes to be made to PSPO's covering dog control, which have come forward as part of their consultation. The Chairman of CSE asked that the matter be considered by the Committee and Full Council agreed to have CSE review the proposals.
- 1.3 Central Bedfordshire Council's consultation document can be found attached to this report. Members are asked to consider the proposals put forward in the consultation and whether the Council should submit a formal response.



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Public space protection orders

1. Overview

The Council and Police can have specific powers to help tackle anti-social behaviour. These powers are provided through a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO). It can prohibit certain things (e.g. not taking dogs into kids' play areas, not drinking alcohol in certain public areas) or require specific things to be done (e.g. bagging up and disposing of dog waste).

A PSPO can deal with persistent and unreasonable nuisances and anti-social behaviour that has a detrimental effect on the quality of life for the local community in a particular area. A PSPO can help to make Central Bedfordshire a better and safer place to live.

The Council already has Orders in place to help with this, but we are reviewing these, and we want your views before we decide what changes to make.

Legally, we must have evidence to show the need for the Order. So, we have been talking to our town and parish councils to find out whether they feel that the existing Orders are working, and whether they feel there are other locations which could also benefit from an Order.

PSPOs are usually welcomed by the community, as they are a way of stopping persistent problem behaviour. So, this consultation is also an opportunity for the public to tell us about any locations that they feel should also be added to the PSPO. The feedback we receive during this consultation can form part of the evidence we need to implement an Order and keep Central Bedfordshire a great place to live and work.

2. What changes are we proposing?

A. Dog Control Orders

Central Bedfordshire currently uses Dog Control Orders to:

- cut down on dog fouling
- restrict dogs from such places as children's playgrounds and
- ensure dogs are kept on leads in sensitive areas (e.g. cemeteries and gardens of remembrance, picnic sites, sports pitches, car parks, or wildlife areas at specific locations).

More information about the current Dog Control Orders is provided below but full details of the current Dog Control Orders and maps are available on our website.

www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/43/community_safety/152/dog_control_orders

i) Dogs on leads

Based on the feedback we have already received; we are only proposing one minor change to this Order.

This change is to remove the requirement that dogs are kept on leads near sports pitches. The wording of the current Order prevents dogs being off a lead in a park which contains a sports pitch which the Council believes is too onerous. Dogs will not be allowed to foul on sports pitches under the new Order, however dogs will be allowed off leads in a park in which a sports pitch is present.

The rest of the Order remains the same. Dogs must keep on a lead (maximum of 2.0 metres long) in specified areas such as cemeteries, A and B roads and their pavements and verges. It also applies to some car parks, picnic sites and sensitive areas.

ii) Dog fouling

We are proposing that this Order remains the same.

If a dog defecates, the person in charge of the dog must immediately remove the faeces. Support/guide dogs are excluded.

iii) Dog exclusion zones

We are proposing that this Order remains the same.

The Order would prevent dogs from entering specified areas, such as children's play areas, sports and games areas, and specific areas of Rushmere Country Park, unless they are service or support/guide dogs. Clear signs will be in these locations.

iv) Dogs on lead by direction

We are proposing that this Order remains the same.

A person in charge of a dog (on land covered by the Order) must put and keep that dog on a lead when asked to do so by a council officer (if needed), to prevent nuisance behaviour by the dog that could annoy or disturb a person, bird or other animal.

B. Alcohol in public areas

This Order gives the police and specific council officers additional powers to tackle on-street drinking where it is having a negative impact on the area.

The Order is not a ban on drinking alcohol in public, but it gives the council and police the power to ask people who are drinking in public in selected places to stop if there is a problem, or to handover their alcohol.

We currently have an Order in place covering public drinking in fourteen locations in Central Bedfordshire (i.e. Ampthill, Arlesey, Biggleswade, Barton-Le-Clay, Caddington, Dunstable, Flitwick, Houghton Regis, Hockliffe, Kensworth, Leighton Buzzard, Toddington, Sandy and Shefford).

We can only have a PSPO where there is evidence that they are needed. The evidence we've gathered so far suggests that we do not have significant alcohol-related issues in the following areas, so our proposal is to remove the existing alcohol Orders in the following locations:

1. Ampthill
2. Barton-Le- Clay
3. Caddington
4. Flitwick
5. Hockliffe
6. Kensworth
7. Toddington

However, we do have evidence that there are issues in some other areas. So, we are suggesting including the following locations in the areas where we can restrict public drinking, if necessary:

- Biggleswade – Church Street and High Street

- Dunstable – High Street North, High Street South, Court Drive skate park, Eleanor’s Cross, Grove Gardens, Priory Gardens, The Square – Ashton Square, Newton Recreation Ground, Mentmore Recreation Ground, Dunstable Cemetery, Luton Recreation Ground, Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground and Priory Churchyard
- Houghton Regis – Bedford Square and Tithe Farm Road
- Leighton Buzzard – High Street, Lake Street and Market Square
- Shefford – High Street and Old Bridge Way
- Arlesey – Blue Lagoon area
- Sandy – Bedford Road Recreation Ground, Sunderland Road Recreation Ground, Fallowfield Recreation Ground and the Market Square
- Beeston – The Green and The Limes

3. How to have your say

The consultation is open from Monday 9 September 2019 until Monday 2 December 2019.

You can have your say by answering a questionnaire on our website at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/consultations or you can pick up a paper copy from your local library.

4. What happens after this consultation?

The results of the consultation will be considered by Overview & Scrutiny Committee in March 2020 and a final decision will be made by the Executive in April 2020.

All relevant signage will be in place for the proposed new areas and the new Orders will be actively enforced by June 2020.



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SANDY TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE: Community Services and Environment

DATE: 23 September 2019

SUBJECT: Bedfordshire Day – 28 November 2019

1. Summary

1.1 The following correspondence has been received from Mr Luke Blackstaffe from the Friends of Bedfordshire. Members are asked to consider the correspondence and note the Council has purchased a Bedfordshire Flag. The flag flying policy states that the flag will be flown from the town centre flagpole on Bedfordshire Day.

2. Correspondence

Dear Chris - Clerk of Sandy Council,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Friends of Bedfordshire Society. We hope that by now you are familiar with us and our aims as an organisation, as we have made contact in previous years. If not, our main aim is to promote the county of Bedfordshire from within, working with individuals and organisations to promote a sense of pride in our great county. Our main project, as you are probably aware, is Bedfordshire Day, which is our annual celebration of the county which happens every year on the 28th November. We hope to make this years Bedfordshire Day the best ever and we would like your help to do it!

We have been encouraged a lot by the Government flying our flag outside Parliament this year.

We are again urging as many village and town councils across the county to take part. There are many ways in which you could make a contribution to the county-wide set of events. For example, in the past we have had towns and villages flying the Bedfordshire flag in recognition of our county day. We have also had several pubs across Bedfordshire hosting celebrations, would you be able to encourage your local publicans? We would be very grateful if you could pass on the Bedfordshire Day idea to local groups in your area. Perhaps a local sports team might wish to use the day as a means of self-promotion? A local walking group might wish to organise a walk in a historic part of Bedfordshire? Or a local history group may want to organise an event based around the history in Sandy? These are just a few suggestions, and are by no means a limit to what could be done.

We would very much like to hear what plans are afoot this year in Sandy, if you pass on any details we will do what we can to promote your events too. Also if we can help in any way, please do let us know.

Last year we had many councils flying the Bedfordshire county flag and if you were one of them we truly thank you and hope that you will fly your flag again this year.

We would very much appreciate it if you could also spread the word about Bedfordshire Day. Do you have any social media or village newsletters? We would very much appreciate it if you could encourage your residents to take part also.

Further, would it be possible to post something on Bedfordshire Day itself, to help boost the profile of the events across the county? We like to use #BedfordshireDay as well as the slightly amusing #getYourClangersOut. Even an automated post would help.

Kind Regards

Luke Blackstaffe

SANDY TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE: Community Services and Environment

DATE: 23 September 2019

SUBJECT: Events Report

1. Summary

- 1.1 There have been no further meetings of the Events working group since the last meeting of the Community Services and Environment committee. During this time the Sandy Green Wheel walk did take place, which has been referred to earlier in this agenda. A meeting of the working group is scheduled for 8th October 2019 and will focus on preparations for Remembrance Day and plans for VE day anniversary celebrations to take place in May 2020. A full event proposal for the VE day anniversary will be brought to the committee.
- 1.2 At the last meeting of the Community Services and Environment committee, it was asked that a report be included on agendas which would list upcoming Council events as a reminder for Members.

2. Events

Event	Date	Details	Lead
Remembrance Day Parade and Service	Sunday 10 th November 2019	Annual Parade from Swan Lane to St Swithun’s Church.	RBL Events WG
Christmas Tree Festival	Friday 30 th November (Set up) Monday 2 nd December (Take down)	Entry into annual Christmas Tree festival. Theme to be decided.	Events WG (Cllrs TBC)
Christmas Lights	Sunday 1 st December 2019	Annual Christmas Light Switch on organisation, set up and pack up Town Council mulled wine stall	FOSCL Cll Staff Cll Staff

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Mayors Carol by Candlelight	Saturday 21 st December 2019	Mayors annual Christmas carol concert to be held at St Swithuns church	Mayor H. Davies A Flockhart
ATC Parade and Service	Sunday 9 th February 2020	TBC	ATC Events WG
Civic Service	Sunday 22 nd March 2020	Mayor's Annual Civic Service at St Swithuns	Mayor A Flockhart
St Georges Say Dinner and Ball	Friday 24 th April 2020	Charity ball in aid of Mayor's charities.	Mayor A Flockhart
VE Day	Friday 8 th May 2020 Saturday 9 th May 2020 Sunday 10 th May 2020	Full proposal to be completed and brought forward covering what involvement the Council would have on each day of the celebrations.	Events WG RBL St Swithun's