

# Sandy Town Council

**Minutes of a meeting of the Community Services and Environment Committee of Sandy Town Council held in the Council Chamber at 10 Cambridge Road, Sandy, Bedfordshire on Monday 13 March 2017 commencing at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs N Aldis, T Cole, A M Hill, T Knagg, G Leach, M Scott, J Sparrow (Vice Chair) and S Sutton (Chair)

**Absent:** Cllrs J Ali and C Osborne

**In Attendance:** Cllrs P Blaine, M Pettitt, Mr C Robson (Clerk), Mrs C Baker-Smith (Admin Team Leader) and three members of the public

## Action

**1 Apologies for absence (99-2016/17)**

Cllrs J Ali and C Osborne.

**2 Declarations of interest (100-2016/17)**

- i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – None
- ii) Non-disclosable Interests – Cllr M Scott declared an interest in Item 8 as he is President of Sandy Football Club.
- iii) Dispensations – None

**3 Minutes of previous meeting (101-2016/17)**

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Community Services and Environment Committee held on Monday 30 January 2017 as a correct record of proceedings.

**4 Public Participation Session (102-2016/17)**

Three members of the public wished to ask questions regarding Item 8. The Chair stated that Item 8 would be heard after item 5 of the Agenda.

**5 Action list (103-2016/17)**

Engayne Avenue Estate (including Winchester & Dapifer Roads):  
The Clerk stated that he would chase Cllr Peter Smith (CBC) regarding arranging a site meeting with Aragon and Cllr Mike Scott and Ward Councillors (STC).

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Bus Shelter in Fallowfield: The Clerk stated that he did not have any further information of when the shelter would be sited but the CBC was working on the matter.

Beeston Green Orchard/Allotments: The Clerk stated that he had received an email with plans for the houses and allotments. Full

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plans will come forward from CBC to Development Scrutiny.

Parking Restrictions: The Clerk stated that CBC will liaise directly regarding the results of the review.

The other items on the Action List were noted.

## 8 **Bedford Road Recreation Ground (104-2016/17)**

The Clerk's report was received and noted. A member of the public asked whether it was appropriate for the football club to operate out of Bedford Road and should it not relocate to a site outside of the town like other town football clubs have in the surrounding area. He also asked whether this was hindering the team's promotion to higher leagues because of the lack of facilities.

A member of the football club said that the facilities were outdated but they were trying to keep them to a high standard. They were also working to bring the other local clubs in Sandy together.

After discussion, various Members gave their views that the parking area should not be supported as it would invalidate the dog order by allowing dogs to enter if the main gate was opened on match days; that ambulances would not be able to access the park in an emergency; that it posed a safety risk to users of the play area; that Central Beds Council should be approached to lift restrictions to allow parking in Albion Court to alleviate the parking problem; that the long term future of the football club needed to be considered and that a relocate could be beneficial.

It was proposed and seconded and **RESOLVED** that the Council would not grant Sandy Football Club's request for parking on the recreation ground.

## 6 **Playground Refurbishment Report (105-2016/17)**

The Clerk's report was received and noted. After discussion it was proposed and seconded and **RESOLVED** that the clerk continues to work with CBC's Play Sites Officer to agree a programme of consultations and an improvement plan for each of the parks and that a report is brought back with a recommendation on tendering for the highest priority parks and a Section 106 application is submitted to commit funds once costs are established.

It was also **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Cole, Hill and Sutton be on the tender panel.

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## 7 **Central Bedfordshire Council Market Town Match Fund (106-2016/17)**

The Clerk's report was received and noted. He updated Members that there would be 2 x highway fingerposts, benches, a covered community stand with electricity, seating, 6 new bicycle racks, mosaics, removal of unused/unnecessary signage, painting of railings, business directory noticeboard and 14x lamppost banners. It was noted that the Town Council would need to arrange contractors to erect any lamppost banners. The banners could be changed to mark local events at an additional cost. The mosaic project was moving forward and local schools were assisting in the completion of the first mosaics via workshops. The benches would be made of vandal proof material. The covered stand would be open on all sides. The project aims to improve street furnishings and the look of Sandy Town Centre.

Members thanked the Clerk for his efforts.

## 9 **Defibrillators (107-2016/17)**

The Clerk's report was received and noted. It was proposed and seconded and **RESOLVED** that the defibrillator be sited on the outside of the Jenkins Pavilion at Sunderland Road Recreation Ground.

## 10 **Sandy Town Centre Bins (108-2016/17)**

The Clerk reported that Central Bedfordshire Council had started installing new black recycling/litter bins today in and around the Market Square area and will also be installing two dog bins in the Fallowfield area.

## 11 **Chair's Items (109-2016/17)**

The Chair stated that an Emergency Plan had been received from Central Beds Council and work was needed for the council to update the plan for Sandy. It would include details of groups/schools/halls that could be contacted to assist in an emergency.

## 12 **Date of Next Meeting (110-2016/17)** **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017**