

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 26 September 2016 commencing at 7.40pm

Present: Cllrs P N Aldis, T Cole, M Pettitt, M Scott, J Sparrow and S Sutton (Chair)

Absent: Cllrs Ali, A M Hill, G Leach, C Osborne and CBC Cllr C Maudlin

In Attendance: Mr C Robson (Town Clerk) and Mrs C Baker-Smith (Admin Team Leader) and one member of the public.

Action

1 Apologies for absence (44-2016/17)

Cllrs Ali, Hill, Osborne and CBC Cllr Maudlin.

2 Declarations of interest (45-2016/17)

- i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – None
- ii) Non-disclosable Interests – None
- iii) Dispensations – None

3 Minutes of previous meeting (46-2016/17)

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Community Services and Environment Committee held on Monday 8 August 2016 as a correct record of proceedings.

4 Public Participation Session (47-2016/17)

A Member tabled a question received from a member of the public regarding various items which were on the Agenda and would be dealt with as the meeting progressed.

5 Action list (48-2016/17)

Bus Turning Circle: **RESOLVED** that the Clerk chase CBC on the on-line consultation and the bus shelter.

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Beeston Green: The Clerk stated that a draft management plan would be brought to Council including the plans for the orchard and allotments.

Fingerposts: The Clerk stated that the agreement was to be amended and would be brought back to Council.

The other items on the Action List were noted.

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6 **River Ivel (49-2016/17)**

The Clerk's report was received and noted. A Member asked that where reports refer to meetings with Councillor representatives present, such as the River Ivel meeting, that the names of those Councillors in attendance are included.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the Environment Agency expressing the Council's concerns regarding alien species being cleared from the river and asking what measures they will take to reduce the Himalayan Balsam infestation.

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7 **Sandy Green Wheel (50-2016/17)**

The report was received and noted. The Clerk stated that the work would start going forward in the Autumn with a slight change of route as outlined, due to land being sold off. The next meeting of the committee would be in October and members would be updated at the next committee meeting.

8 **The Riddy Grass Cutting (51-2016/17)**

The Clerk's report was received and discussed. Members welcomed that extra cutting of the areas would be undertaken by the groundstaff. The Clerk stated that the Council would be asking CBC to empty more rubbish bins around the town in return. Members discussed whether more grass cutting should be undertaken by the Council around the town including the Sandcastle Path as this was very overgrown. It was mentioned that the field alongside the path was no longer grazed and the fence was damaged allowing extra path growth.

RESOLVED that the Clerk contact the owner of the field alongside the path and ask them to maintain their land and he would liaise with the Outdoor Team Leader regarding extra grass cutting.

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9 **Bus Shelter in Fallowfield for Sandye Place Academy Pupils (52-2016/17)**

The Clerk briefed members on the history of the request for bus shelters. He had spoken to CBC and they would look into the possibility of supplying shelters.

A Member reported that there were two possible sites for shelters one at the Rothbury Close end, which was raised by a member of the public, and the other at the Co-op shop end of Fallowfield. There were approx. 80 students who caught different school buses at both sites that would benefit from shelters. The possibility of a bench at Rothbury Close was also discussed. A member stated that another shelter was also needed in St Neots Road.

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RESOLVED that the Clerk seek clarification as to who owns the bus shelters in Sandy and ask CBC to look into providing shelters at Fallowfield and St Neots Road.

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10 Dogzaloud Dog Obedience Training Classes (53-2016/17)

Members received a report from the Clerk and welcomed working with Dogzaloud to raise dog awareness with an event in 2017.

Members discussed various issues and it was suggested that more local publicity would be needed for a future event and the question of a byelaw prohibiting dogs entering Fallowfield park was discussed at length as residents were concerned that dog walkers did not keep their dogs on leads and were entering the playground area and upsetting children. Larger and more signage was suggested.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND that the Council holds a dog awareness event in 2017 and considers putting in force a byelaw and that adequate fencing around the park is installed.

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11 Specialised Markets (54-2016/17)

Members received and discussed the Clerk's report and the question of public liability insurance for community stalls was discussed. The Clerk to liaise with the Council's insurance company to ascertain if the community groups would be covered under the council's public liability insurance. The timing and frequency of the markets to be held as well as the budget would be considered for the next financial year.

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RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND that the Council moves towards holding themed markets with an initial Continental market, incorporating themed community stalls to be held and the markets success monitored and reported back to councillors.

12 Fallowfield Play Area (55-2016/17)

Members received and discussed the Clerk's report. It was agreed that all the play parks needed improvement incorporating more stimulating equipment for the users. A Member suggested that this could be held at Maple Tree Lower School.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND that a public consultation be held to explore what equipment the public would like in the play parks in Sandy and that the results of the consultation and proposals with projected costs are brought back to Council for consideration.

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- 13 Chairman's Announcements (56-2016/17)**
The Chair had no announcements.
- 14 Date of Next Meeting (57-2016/17)**
Monday 7 November 2016