

# 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 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 commencing at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs N Aldis, A Gibson, A M Hill, T Knagg, C Osborne, M Scott, S Sutton (Chair)

**Absent:** Cllrs P Blaine, S Doyle, N Thompson

**In Attendance:** Cllr M Pettitt, Mr C Robson (Town Clerk), Mrs C Baker-Smith (Admin Team Leader)

## Action

- 1 **Apologies for absence (65-2019/20)**  
Apologies were received from Cllrs Blaine, Doyle and Thompson. **Admin**
  - 2 **Declarations of Interest (66-2019/20)**  
There were no declarations of interest.
  - 3 **Minutes of Previous Meeting (67-2019/20)**  
**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Community Services and Environment Committee held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 as a correct record of proceedings. **Admin**
  - 4 **Public Participation Session (68-2019/20)**  
There were no members of the public present.
  - 5 **Action list (69-2019/20)**  
Members received and noted the action list.  
  
The Clerk updated Members that he had not received any positive news on the progress of the Allotments and Community Orchard that was anticipated on the 1<sup>st</sup> November. The Parking Surveys action point was now complete and would now be deleted from the Action List. **Town Clerk**
  - 6 **Benchmarking Forum (70-2019/20)**  
Members received a verbal report from the Clerk on the meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> October and a report by Cllr Gibson was circulated to Members. She said that CBC's Sam Colbeck would be attending the next Town Centre Working Group's meeting and that the report would be discussed at the next group meeting to enable an Action Plan to be created. All Members were welcome to attend. **Cllr Gibson**
- Regarding the unsightly waste bins on the Market Square, CBC **CBC**

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would be writing to residents asking them to move their waste bins from the Market Square.

## 7 **Action Plan (71-2019/20)**

Members received and considered the annual Action Plan.

### Town Centre

Signage: The cost of new town signs be included in the 2020 budget. A tagline was needed.

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### Sport, Leisure & Wellbeing

Beeston Community Orchard & Allotments: There would be costs to secure the site, plough the area, landscaping (trees), solicitors' costs for the lease. Keep the timescales the same.

Jenkins Pavilion: Meeting of Councillors on 11th November 2019.

### Environment

Walkers are Welcome: Put on hold until Friends of Sandy Green Wheel has sufficient volunteers to support WAW. Revise timescale to Spring 2020.

### Engaging with Young People

Youth Parliament: A report from the NALC Conference would be on the next Full Council agenda. Revise timescale to Spring 2020.

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Ongoing Activities: Add the Events Working Group.

## 8 **Tree Planting (72-2019/20)**

- i) Members received and considered information on Town Council 2019 tree planting on Council land.

The Clerk stated that beech trees could be planted at Fallowfield and there were three trees to be replaced on Beeston Green. He said that he would follow up the tree to be planted in memory of Cllr Sharman with BRCC. A Member said that more trees needed to be planted in Sandy and another Member said it was not easy to find suitable places.

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- ii) Members received and considered information on the Urban Tree Challenge from the Forestry Commission.

The Clerk briefed Members on the report. A Member said that an audit of the town and a tree planting plan over 5 years would need to be undertaken before a scheme be put forward. Various sites for tree planting were suggested including the

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new cemetery, a small wood at The Limes, Beeston, trees planted in verges and residents encouraged to look after them outside their houses.

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** to support the Urban Tree Challenge and that an audit of the town and a tree planting plan over 5 years be undertaken.

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## 9 **Dog Waste Complaint (73-2019/20)**

Members received a report on a complaint about dog waste on Fallowfield recreation ground received from Maple Tree School.

After discussion, Members suggested that the Council put an item on their Facebook page highlighting the problem, that the school put an article in their Newsletter, distribute leaflets or organise a poster competition and put the winning poster on the fences around the recreation ground.

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** to write to the school and suggest a poster competition to highlight the complaints about dog waste in the recreation ground.

**Town Clerk**

## 10 **Sandy Green Wheel Report (74-2019/20)**

Members received and considered a report from the Sandy Green Wheel Development Group.

Cllr Gibson briefed Members on the meeting report and a Member advised that there should be two fishing platforms required. Cllr Gibson asked the member to email her with the details.

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the Town Council give permission for the installation of suitable way marker posts on The Riddy.

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## 11 **Site Audits (75-2019/20)**

Members received and considered a proposed action plan for the previously agreed audits of Sandy Town Council sites.

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that three audit areas are created and that Councillors, along with CBC Councillors, are invited to be a part of each audit group and that audits start as soon as weather allows in 2020.

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## 12 **Litter Picking in Sandy (76-2019/20)**

Members considered a request on how the Council can support local litter picking groups.

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A Member said that litter bag hoops and more litter pickers would be needed.

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It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the Council makes an annual commitment to participate in the Great British Spring Clean and supports making Sandy a tidy and greener place by providing year-round resources and engagement for community litter picking and that the Council's commitment to community litter picking forms part of a future emerging environmental strategy for the CS&E committee.

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**13 French Market Review (77-2019/20)**

Members received a review of the October 2019 French Market.

A Member commented that the event was not widely publicised in surrounding towns and villages.

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the committee give permission for the French Market to use the car park free of charge in 2020, that the office liaises with the market organisers for an extended market in 2020 and that the office continues to look for other opportunities to bring specialised markets in the town.

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**14 Events Report (78-2019/20)**

Members received and noted a report on the Council's events.

A Member stated that the Christmas Tree Festival was on from Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November until Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and the Mayor informed Members that the St George's Day Dinner and Ball had been cancelled.

**15 Chairman's Items (79-2019/20)**

There were none.

**16 Date of Next Meeting (80-2019/20)**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019