

# 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 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs N Aldis R Lock, C Osborne, M Scott, and S Sutton (Chair)

**Absent:**, N Thompson.

**In attendance:** Mr I Reed (Deputy Town Clerk), Cllrs Hewitt, Sharman and Emma Foxley -Let' s Get Going CIC

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| <b>1 Apologies for Absence (57-2022/23)</b><br>Apologies were received from Cllrs J Ivanciu-Wilkinson, L Ivanciu-Wilkinson, A Lock, Osborne and N Thompson.   | Admin         |
| <b>2 Declaration of Interest and requests for dispensations (58 -2022/23)</b><br>i) <i>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests</i> – None.<br>ii) <i>Non-Pecuniary Interests</i> – None<br>iii) <i>Dispensations</i> – None.                                |               |
| <b>3 Minutes of previous Meeting (59-2022/23)</b><br><b>RESOLVED</b> to receive the minutes of the Community Services & Environment Committee held on Monday 21 <sup>th</sup> November 2022 and to approve them as a correct record of proceedings. |               |
| <b>4 Public Participation Session (60 -2022/23)</b><br>No members of the public were present.   |               |
| <b>5 Action List (61 -2022/23)</b><br>Members received and noted the action list.   |               |

### Allotments & Community Orchard at Beeston:

The updated lease to be reviewed at the Town Council meeting on 23 January 2023

### Use of Former Days Inn Conference Site

It was reported the steel bar fencing around The Meadows formerly known as Days Inn Conference Centre had been erected and it was welcomed by the Committee

### SID Sign Locations and Installation

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The new Community Engagement Officer would be asked to set out a programme of communication to engage the community around the issue in the early months of 2023

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Cllrs Sutton and Hewitt and the Clerk had held a meeting with Carolyn Blake to take the project forward. It was agreed that comms would be sent out to schools prior to Christmas and that an event day be planned for the February half term. The Lord Lieutenant was to be asked if they could attend an unveiling event in April (date to be confirmed). Initial materials were to be sent by Carolyn Blake and the new Community Engagement Officer will take the work forward when they start on 28<sup>th</sup> November.

## AMP Battery Pods

AMP Clean Energy had emailed STC to report that an application to place battery pods in the Town had failed due to prohibitive costs to connect to the Grid, which made them financially unviable for the company. They would, however, consider Sandy going forward for other projects.

**It was RESOLVED** that the Action List be actively reviewed and the following items be edited before submission to the next meeting;

- (a) EV Charging Points
- (b) Queen's Jubilee Community Artwork
- (c) AMP
- (d) Beeston Green Drainage

## **6 Winter Maintenance (Salt/Gritting) – Areas of the Town (62 - 2022/23)**

The Committee was advised that at the Council Meeting in December 2023 it was requested a report be submitted to this meeting. Due to the Christmas holidays. The Committee noted it had been difficult to access the required information from Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) to make a report to this Committee meeting. Reports on the provision of new services including winter maintenance and the feasibility for the Town Council undertaking a new service would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

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## 7 **Calendar of Events (63-2022/23)**

The Committee was invited to discuss items for the Events Calendar 2023. Although not an exhaustive list the Committee discussed the following;

- Town Centre Markets
- Coronation of King Charles III – Celebrations - 6 May
- Green Wheel Walks (partner organisations to develop the walks)
- Mosaic – Unveiling
- Skate Park Celebrations
- Remembrance Sunday

The Chairman of the Events Working Group Councillor Hewitt attended the meeting and advised the Committee that a meeting of the Events Working Group would be called in the current month

## 8 **Sandy Community Day - 15 April 2023 (64-2022/23)**

Emma Foxley of Let's Get Going CIC attended the meeting to advise the Committee about the Sandy Community Day that she was organising at the Sandy/Biggleswade Athletic Track on 15 April 2023 and on the activities promoted through the Community Interest Company. The Committee was advised that the CIC was promoting Health, wellbeing and creative activities in Sandy. Funding support had been received from Team Beds and Luton, Sport England, Gales Trust, Local Connections Fund, The Inequalities Fund and Central Bedfordshire Council Community Ward Fund.

The CIC was keen to work with the Town Council to create key volunteer Community Champions and create a steering Group. It was also suggested that the CIC should cement relationships with the Town Councils' Neighbourhood Plan.

**It was RESOLVED** that a further report be submitted to the March meeting of the Committee report.

## 9 **Proposed Land Adoption – Goldfinch Road (65-2022/23)**

The Committee considered a request from Persimmon Homes for the Town Council to consider taking ownership of a small section of land adjacent to a larger stretch of land already in the ownership of the Town Council.

**It was RESOLVED** to ask the Deputy Town Clerk to check ownership of the land and report back to the Committee

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## **10 Chairman's Items (66 -2022/23)**

- At the Full Council meeting the Council would be asked if it wished to take part in a Countywide Bus Users Group

Clerk

## **11 Date of Next Meeting (67-2022/23)** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023

The meeting closed at 20.30