

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 21st August 2023 commencing at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs N Aldis, B Blackley, A Effiong, R Lacey, A Lock, R Lock, C Osborne, M Scott, S Sutton (Chair) and N Thompson (8.06 pm).

Absent: Nil

In attendance: J Hewitt and Ian Reed Deputy Town Clerk

	Action
1 Apologies for Absence (31-2023/24) None received.	Admin
2 Declaration of Interest and requests for dispensations (32-2023/24) i) <i>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests</i> – None. ii) <i>Non-Pecuniary Interests</i> – Item 9: Cllr Osborn Chairman of St Swithun’s Church Parochial Church Council; and Councillors A and R Lock as Members of St Swithun’s Parochial Church Council iii) <i>Dispensations</i> – None.	Admin
3 Minutes of previous meeting (33-2023/24) RESOLVED to receive the minutes of the Community Services & Environment Committee held on Monday 17 th July 2023 and to approve them as a correct record of proceedings.	Deputy Clerk
4 Public Participation Session (34-2023/24) No members of the public were present.	
5 Action List (35-2023/24) Members received and noted the action list. The Committee noted that the Council at its meeting on 7 August had resolved to defer a decision on paying additional solicitors fees regarding the Beeston Green Allotment Site (village development) with CBC until further clarity regarding their intentions was forthcoming. Re the EV charging points further to the last meeting of the Committee an update would be discussed at agenda item 7. The matters relating to Beeston Green Drainage would be discussed at agenda item 10.	Deputy Clerk

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6 **Robotic Line Marking System (36-2023/24)**

The Committee considered a report on the purchasing of a robotic white lining system for marking out the football pitches for the new season at Sunderland Road and Bedford Road Recreation Grounds. This specialist service used GPS Technology. Once in service the grounds staff would save a significant amount of time that would allow them to move on to other activities. The service would cost £500 for this season and hopefully for the next season. It was also noted LAMTRA courses for line marking were priced over £500. It was further noted that the system could mark out temporary car parks or other pitch designs.

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It was RESOLVED:

That the quote received from Ground Tech for the marking of football pitches for the 2023/24 and 2024/25 football seasons for the sum of £500 per season be accepted using budget line 4042.

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7 **Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Points Update (37-2023/24)**

Further to the last meeting of the Committee (Minute 28 – 2023/24 refers), Members noted the recommendations had been approved at the Council Meeting on 7 August. Additional information had come to light that was not reported at the Council meeting. It was noted that Option 1 agreed at the Council meeting would now include rapid charging points. It had been understood that rapid charging points were part of the second phase, but they had been moved forward. The Committee was asked to agree that Option 1 now consisted of 3x50 kw rapid charging points over 6 bays (wholly BP Pulse funded) 4x7kw standard charge points over 8 bays (50% grant funding/50% BP Pulse), with some revenue share to Sandy Town Council

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It was RESOLVED:

That the Committee agrees to the additional arrangements to allow the Council to take part in the negotiated arrangements with Central Bedfordshire Council. The letter confirming the Councils' agreement to the scheme be submitted to CBC as soon as possible and the operational issues raised during the discussion be referred to the Carpark Working Group

8 **Provision of Clothing Bank at the Town Council Car Park (38-2023/24)**

The Committee considered a report about an offer from a clothing and shoe bank provider to site a bank on the site of two existing banks in the Town Centre car park. The money raised from the ASTCO clothing and shoe bank would be returned to the Council in

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order for it to allocate to charitable purposes. The two existing shoe and clothing bins had been in situ for a number of years with an understanding they would be replaced when the Council had alternate plans in place.

It was RESOLVED:

- (1) That ASTCO be allocated the site at the car park and the funding raised be directed to the Mayor's Charity Account so the charities supported by Town Mayors will benefit from the funding.
- (2) That the Deputy Clerk make arrangements for the existing textile and shoe banks to be removed.

9 Tree Surveys (39-2023/24)

The Committee considered a report on securing a tree survey service. It was noted that before Covid the Council received regular reports from Steve Dear Tree Services. As the service had come to an end in 2020 during the Covid crisis the Deputy Clerk had seen the service as an important one to reinstate as soon as possible. The tree surveys quoted for were:

Beeston Green, Willow Island, Bedford Road Recreation Ground, Sandy Town Council Cemetery, and the closed churchyard at St Swithun's Church.

It was RESOLVED that:

The Council recognises the importance of retaining a tree inspection service and welcomes the action of the Deputy Clerk to secure a service. In accordance with Standing Orders two additional quotes be sought. Funding to come from budget line 403.

10 Bedford Drainage Board – Maintenance Programme - 2023 - 24 (40-2023/24)

The Committee considered a report on the Drainage Boards' maintenance Programme 2023/24. Members were encouraged to look at the plan and make comments that would be passed on to the Drainage Board. It was noted that the Beeston Green Working Group had been invited to comment on the maintenance programme.

It was RESOLVED:

That Philip Lovesey, Operations Manager at Bedford Group of the Drainage Board, be invited to meet with The Beeston Green Working Group to discuss the programmed work in the area.

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11 Chairman's Items (41-2023/24)

None.

15 Date of Next Meeting (422023/24)

Monday 2nd October 2023.

The meeting closed at 8.28 pm