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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 05 DECEMBER 2016

Present: Councillor A Seymour (Chair)
Councillor C Morgan (Deputy Chair and Deputy Mayor)
Councillor M Vivis (Mayor)
Councillor M Flys
Councillor C Jones
Councillor A Lamont

In Attendance: Mr S Catanach (Town Clerk- Community,
Communications & Services)
Mrs E Richardson (Town Clerk- Finance & Policy)
Annie Hamilton-Pike (Amersham Society)

17. **Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Councillor D Kenchington
Councillor L Walsh
Councillor L Staite
Councillor J Cook

18. **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest

19. **Matters Arising from the Approved Minutes of 17 October 2016** - None

20. **To approve the dates of the Town Council Civic Event for 2017**

After discussion, the proposed calendar of events was approved. It was also agreed that the first band concert of next year will be held on Monday 1 May and will be in aid of the Mayor's Charity. The full listing is shown below:

Monday 13 March	Town Meeting/Mayor Awards
Monday 1 May	Mayor's Charity Band Concert , Memorial Gardens (B/H weekend)- Soundforce Big Band
Sunday 14 May	2 nd Band Concert, Memorial Gardens
Saturday 20 May	Bloom Plant Sale (St Michaels Square)
Sunday 28 May	3 rd Band Concert, Memorial Gardens
Sunday 11 June	4 th Band Concert, Memorial Gardens
Sunday 25 June	5 th Band Concert, Memorial Gardens
Saturday 08 July	Carnival
Sunday 9 July	6 th Band Concert, Memorial Gardens
Sunday 23 July	7 th Band Concert, Memorial Gardens, Official Opening of the Memorial Gardens 2017
Sunday 6 Aug	8 th Band Concert- Children's Concert, Memorial Gardens
Sunday 20 Aug	9 th Band Concert, Memorial Gardens
Sunday 3 Sep	10 th Band Concert, Memorial Gardens
Sunday 10 September	Heritage Day
Friday 13-22 October	Arts Festival
Wednesday 6 Dec	Community Carol Service

Action SC

21. Amersham in Bloom Items

(a) To consider and approve the purchase of hanging baskets for the town

A report circulated prior to the meeting was considered. It was agreed to hire hanging baskets from Windowflowers at the following cost:

£2962- Old Amersham (62 baskets)

£2596- AOTH (55 baskets)

Proposed Councillor Mr Mark Vivis

Seconded Councillor Mrs Amanda Lamont

(b) To approve the 2017 Amersham in Bloom theme

Following a discussion the Councillors agreed that the Amersham in Bloom theme for 2017 will be a 'riot of colour'.

The proposal to install three 'worldwide monuments' was also discussed. Following consideration it was decided that the proposal was inappropriate for the Memorial Gardens and as such other options should be explored.

22. To consider a proposal from Peter Hawkes for publishing an Amersham Town Guide

A letter from Peter Hawkes proposing the publication of a 2017-18 was distributed prior to the meeting. Following a discussion the Councillors wished to acknowledge Mr Hawkes'

proposal and his contribution with previous guides. However, it was decided that a guide would not be necessary in these electronic times, preferring a simple PDF with information and a map which would be designed in house.

Action SC

23. To approve remedial tree works

A report from Mark Richardson was circulated prior to the meeting identifying the need to address several large trees (Hervines Park, Stanley Hill Cemetery and Parsonage Wood) that require remedial work.

Four quotes were considered:

Company A £4000

Company B £6080

Company C £3737.50 (£3250 plus £487.50 for depot to carry out groundworks)

Company D £3540

It was **agreed** to use Company D at a cost of £3540 to carry out the works

Proposed Councillor Mrs Caroline Jones
Seconded Councillor Mr Clive Morgan

Action MR

24. To agree a response for the Local Plan (Green Belt Preferred Options Consultation)

Following a discussion it was agreed to submit the following comments in response to the Chiltern District Council's Green Belt Preferred Options Consultation

Members regret the loss of Green Belt land and acknowledge the objections of residents and the Amersham Society. However, they consider that the hard borders surrounding the sites in question are self-contained and would prevent further creep. They are concerned that if these limited areas of development are not agreed within the emerging local plan, then further additional development would be imposed on the area. However, their acceptance of development at these sites would be subject to a review of the provision of infrastructure and to clarification on what constitutes 'social' and 'affordable' housing.

25. To discuss consultation on Chiltern Pools Redevelopment

The Councillors discussed, at length, the consultation for the development of a new state-of-the-art leisure and community hub to replace the existing Chiltern Pools.

26. Chiltern District Council Matters – There were no matters for discussion

27. Bucks County Council Matters - There were no matters for discussion

28. Matters for Report

The Chiltern Child Contact Centre acknowledged and thanked the Council for the £500 grant that they were awarded by the Grants Committee at the meeting held on 31 October 2016.

Part 2

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

That under Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they include the likely disclosure of exempt information, stated to be confidential.

29. **Item relating to an ATC property**

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The meeting ended at 21.35pm

Chairman Date.....