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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 26 June 2017

Present: Councillor A Seymour (Chair)
Councillor M Grimson (Deputy Chair)
Councillor C Morgan (Town Mayor)
Councillor C Jones (Deputy Town Mayor) (Part meeting)
Councillor M Flys (Part meeting)
Councillor A Lamont
Councillor L Walsh (Part meeting)
Councillor D Kenchington

In Attendance: Steve Catanach -Town Clerk Community Services

1. **Apologies:** Councillor M Vivis
Councillor L Staite
Councillor Nigel Shepherd

2. **Election of Chair and Deputy Chair of the Community Services Committee**
It was **resolved** that that Councillor A Seymour be elected as Chair and Councillor M Grimson be elected as Deputy Chair of the Community Services Committee.

Proposed Councillor C Morgan
Seconded Councillor D Kenchington

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

4. **Matters Arising from the Approved Community Services Minutes of 3 April 2017 –**
None, however there was a matter arising from the Annual Statutory Meeting held on 15 May 2017:

a) Request to hold dog training classes on Barn Meadow Playing Field

This item was discussed at the Annual Statutory Meeting on 15 May and deferred for further discussion until this meeting. Following confirmation from Gerrards Cross Parish Council, where similar dog training classes are held, that the classes have had no detrimental impact on their facilities and no complaints have been received the Council

agreed that classes can take place in Barn Meadow. Councillors request that the classes are closely monitored with any detrimental impact noted.

Proposed Councillor M Grimson
Seconded Councillor D Kenchington

5. **Amersham in Bloom update**

The Town Clerk's report circulated prior to the meeting detailed the Amersham in Bloom highlights over the past month. The report noted the following:

- Heritage in Bloom Display in the Memorial Gardens- the 'fairground' models have been installed and planted with the remainder of display including signage to be completed by 5 July ready for the 'Official Opening of the Gardens' on Sunday 9 July
- Verge trees planted in conjunction with the residents of Weedon Lane who funded the trees
- 50 road name signs planted with sunflowers and cosmos which were sown and tended by volunteers and pupils of Stony Dean School
- New wooden planter installed and planted in Sycamore Road
- Monthly street weeding sessions in conjunction with the Amersham Society in Old Amersham and Bloom volunteer session in conjunction with the Council in AOTH
- The flowerbeds (including the wildflowers) throughout town have been planted with the assistance of pupils from St Marys CofE Primary School, Chestnut Lane School, Elangeni School, Stony Dean School, Heatherton House along with the 2nd Amersham Common Beavers

6. **To consider the proposal to install a donation box as part of the *Heritage in Bloom* – 'Amersham Fair' display in the Memorial Gardens**

A report circulated prior to the meeting was considered and following a lengthy discussion it was **decided** that a donation box would not be appropriate in the Memorial Gardens.

7. **To discuss the proposal to create a Town Mosaic for Amersham on the Hill**

The report circulated prior to the meeting was discussed and following consideration Councillors agreed that a 'town sign' would make a beneficial addition to Amersham on the Hill. However, before making a decision on what type of sign would be most suitable the Clerk was asked to research other forms of signs along with costings for these alternatives.

8. **To discuss and consider the options for the Queen's Models- *Crown, Stamp and Flag* which formed part of last year's display in the Memorial Gardens**

Following a lengthy discussion and consideration it was agreed that due to the cost to rebuild, along with the additional safety concerns, it would not be viable to relocate or reuse the 'Coronation Crown'. However, due to the durability of the 'stamp' and 'union flag' it was **agreed** to relocate these models at a suitable location in AOTH. The verge at Chiltern Ave, by the taxi rank, was suggested as a possible location.

Proposed Councillor C Jones
Seconded Councillor D Kenchington

9. **To consider the proposal to hold a Macmillan Coffee Morning event on Friday 29 September 2017**

After discussion it was **agreed** to hold a Macmillan coffee morning, at a suitable location on 29 September.

Proposed Councillor C Jones
Seconded Councillor Mr Grimson

10. **To consider the proposal to install the 'Red Kite Model' in Church Mead**

The Town Clerk's report circulated prior to the meeting was noted and following a discussion it was decided that Church Mead is not considered a suitable location for the 'Red Kite Model'.

The Council wishes to peruse original proposal to locate structure, which is a memorial to James Phillips, on the roundabout at bottom of Stanley Hill. Cllr Flys agreed to contact Dr Challoner's School, where James was a former student, to see if the school could help fund the groundworks for the project. The foundation set up in memory of James, will cover the cost of the structure.

11. **To consider a proposal to expand the Amersham Festival of Art to include 'Pop-up' exhibitions, a youth led comedy night and community theatre performance**

The report from Zoe Richardson circulated prior to the meeting was discussed. The Councillors were in agreement with the proposal and are very much in favour of expanding the Festival of Art to include other groups within the community.

Proposed Councillor C Morgan
Seconded Councillor M Flys

12. **To approve the updated Town Council Market Licence Conditions**

Councillors noted the Town Council Market Licence Conditions which were approved on 16 December 2013. A number of amendments were proposed and **agreed** including raising the required level of Public Liability Insurance cover for all stall holders to £10 million.

Proposed Councillor A Lamont
Seconded Councillor M Flys

13. **To suggest and consider proposals for Local Priorities/Local Area Forum (LAF) Funding**

Following a discussion Councillors asked the Clerk to research and forward examples of proposals that other parishes have made for LAF funding. Councillors would subsequently submit their suggestions that the Clerk.

14. **Chiltern District Council Matters**
There were no items for discussion.

15. **Bucks County Council Matters**
There were no items for discussion.

16. **Matters for Report**

a) Potential increase of use of King George V Playing Field

The Mayor raised the point that he would like to see better use of KGV Playing Field for events involving businesses, schools and community groups. Members were in agreement with the proposal and have asked that Zoe Richardson, researches and suggests events that would be deemed suitable for the field.

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.

17. **Matters for Report**

b) Chiltern Pools Development

Councillor Walsh gave a brief update to the members on the Chiltern Pools Development. It was mentioned that a proposal from Chiltern District Council for a potential land swap is imminent.

The meeting ended at 8.40pm

Chairman

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