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DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 18 December 2017

- Present:**
- Councillor A Seymour (Chair)
 - Councillor C Morgan (Town Mayor)
 - Councillor L Walsh
 - Councillor A Lamont
 - Councillor M Vivis
 - Councillor L Staite
 - Councillor M Flys
- In Attendance:**
- Councillor R Jones
 - Councillor H Newton
 - Steve Catanach -Town Clerk - Community Services
 - Lizzie Richardson - Town Clerk - Finance & Policy
45. **Apologies:**
- Councillor C Jones (Deputy Town Mayor)
 - Councillor M Grimson (Deputy Chair)
 - Councillor N Shepherd
 - Councillor D Kenchington
46. **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
47. **Matters Arising from the Approved Community Services Minutes of 09 October 2017:** None
48. **Amersham in Bloom update**
- A report circulated prior to the meeting detailed the Amersham in Bloom highlights over the past two months. The report noted the following:
- 10,000 bulbs have been planted throughout Amersham this autumn. The bloom volunteers and depot staff have been ably assisted by over 100 school children – from Stony Dean School, Heatherton House School, St Mary’s School and Dr Challoners Grammar School- to complete the plantings. The town’s flowerbeds have all been refreshed with winter/spring plants.

- The Council's application to Tesco's for a 'bags for help' grant has been approved. With at least £1000 guaranteed (we could receive up to £3000) the Council will be able to create a small orchard/wildflower area at Hervines Park, as previously agreed.
- Over 600 Amersham in Bloom greeting cards have been sold over the past three months, raising in excess of £750. In total over £11,500 has been raised through sponsorship/sales over the past year for the initiative.
- It is estimated that over 3200 *volunteer hours* have been spent tending, planting, sweeping, scraping, weeding and generally improving Amersham over the past 12 months. This equates to over £50,000 based on the average rate of pay for a Council groundsman.

49. **To consider a proposal to revamp the evergreen Millennium Flowerbed at Sycamore Corner, outside the Amersham Free Church**

The Town Clerk's report circulated prior to the meeting detailed a proposal to revamp and replant the evergreen millennium bed, as a WW1 Centenary Bed. The proposal including the removal of the existing shrubs to allow the planting of 10 small trees, each signifying 10 serviceman from Amersham that died in the war (there are 98 names inscribed on the war memorial in Old Amersham) was **agreed** by Council.

Proposed Councillor L Walsh
Seconded Councillor A Lamont

50. **To agree the appointment of the Town Council nomination for Trustee of Amersham United Charities**

The report circulated prior to the meeting noted that under the terms of the Charity Commission Scheme, which governs the operation of the Amersham United Charities, the Town Council must nominate one its nine trustees.

Following the recommendation from the Chairman of the trustees of the charity it was **agreed** that Mr Len Tridgell is appointed as the Council's nomination as trustee of the Amersham United Charities.

Proposed Councillor L Staite
Seconded Councillor C Morgan

51. **To endorse the Chiltern Citizen Advice Board Service Charter which aims to help local consumers know their rights when their mobile phone breaks**

The report circulated prior to the meeting noted that the Chiltern Citizens Advice Bureau (CCAB) have recently completed a service charter regarding consumer rights surrounding mobile phone repairs. Following discussion and a request from CCAB it was **agreed** that Council shall endorse the charter. This follows endorsement from CDC and Chesham Town Council.

Proposed Councillor M Flys
Seconded Councillor L Walsh

52. **To discuss issues relating to parking:**

- (a) Parking within Amersham, including a holistic parking review
- (b) E-petition on Bucks County Council website against introduction of parking meters on KGV Road (Item deferred from Council Meeting 27 Nov 2017).

Following a request from Cllr Walsh it was **agreed** to defer the above item until the Council meeting to be held on 29 January 2018.

Proposed Councillor L Staite
Seconded Councillor A Lamont

53. Chiltern District Council Matters

Cllr Walsh noted that Chiltern District Council are continuing to investigate possible avenues which will alleviate parking issues within the District Councils car parks, however, it was noted that the problems are not as concerning as they were since there are no longer allocated spaces for season ticket holders in the Car Park at Sycamore Road.

54. Bucks County Council Matters

There were no items for discussion.

55. Matters for Report

There were no items for discussion.

Part 2

Resolved 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.

56. ITEM CONCERNING ATC LAND

The meeting ended at 7.45pm

Chairman

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