

# Amersham Town Council



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### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 25 June 2018

**Present:** Councillor A Seymour (Chair)  
Councillor N Shepherd  
Councillor C Jones (Town Mayor)  
Councillor A Lamont  
Councillor M Vivis  
Councillor M Flys (Deputy Town Mayor) (part meeting)  
Councillor L Walsh (part meeting)

**In Attendance:** Steve Catanach -Town Clerk - Community Services

1. **Apologies:** Councillor D Kenchington  
Councillor L Staite  
Councillor C Morgan  
Councillor M Grimson (Deputy Chair)

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

#### Open Session

The Committee received a presentation from Gary Grant and Tim Sleet on the plans to redevelop the Jubilee Scout Hut on Rectory Hill. The development is intended to provide better facilities for both the 1<sup>st</sup> Amersham on the Hill Scout Group and other community groups.

3. **Election of Chair and Deputy Chair**

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

Proposed Councillor M Vivis  
Seconded Councillor C Jones

4. **Appointment of Community Services Sub-Committees**

It was **resolved** that the following Councillors be appointed as members of the Community Services Sub-committees as listed:

a) **Heritage Day Sub-Committee**

Councillor A Seymour, Councillor D Kenchington and Councillor A Lamont

**b) Appointment of Christmas Sub-Committee (inc Carol Service)**

Councillor J Cook, Councillor M Grimson and Councillor C Jones

**c) Appointment of Britain in Bloom Sub-Committee**

Councillors A Seymour, Councillor A Lamont and Councillor D Kenchington

**d) Appointment of Chiltern Leisure Centre Sub-Committee**

Councillor R Jones, Councillor M Grimson, Councillor C Jones, Councillor C Morgan and Councillor Nigel Shepherd

Proposed Councillor L Walsh

Seconded Councillor M Flys

**5. Matters arising from the Approved Minutes of 23 April 2018**

There were no matters arising.

**6. 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:

- Forty Year 10 and 11 students from Stony Dean School helped to replant and sow seeds and summer bulbs, which have been planted under the street signs throughout Amersham.
- A beaver group along with children from four primary schools helped to plant six of the borders within town. All other beds have been planted in partnership with the bloom volunteers.
- A bug hotel challenge was undertaken in Willow Wood with Scouts from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amersham Common Scout Unit. Over 20 scouts were involved.
- Cubs from 1<sup>st</sup> Chesham Bois Scout Group created a bug hotel as part of their environmental badge. The bug hotel is to be placed in the Memorial Gardens.
- The WW1 Centenary display in the Memorial Gardens is almost complete with over 450 volunteer hours helping with the project thus far. The feedback received from the public has been extremely positive. Over £4000 worth of sponsorship has been received to help fund the display.
- The Centenary Bed at Sycamore Corner, o/s the Free Church, is underway with the planting of six trees. The shrub bed and benches will be installed later this summer.

The committee noted how many of the aforementioned initiatives have encouraged community engagement.

**7. Review of Community Events Feedback Survey**

The report circulated prior to the meeting highlighted that the 347 responses were received from the Council's Community Events Feedback Survey, equating to approximately 6% of households in Amersham. A breakdown of the responses being as follows:

Event	Would you recommend (%)	Very Good or Good Value (%)	Beneficial to the Town
Band Concerts	90%	92.3%	-
Heritage Day	94.7%	90.7%	-
Amersham in Bloom	-	87.5%	95.6%

Arts Festival	75.5%	55.6%	-
Carol Service	83%	65.9%	-
Christmas Lights	-	92.1%	-

In addition to the positive feedback received it was noted that the vast majority of residents found out about Town Council events and initiatives from the Council newsletter, Facebook page and Council noticeboards.

**8. Approval for the installation of a defibrillator at Hervines Park**

The report circulated prior to the meeting was discussed and it was **agreed** to allow Kings Church Football Club to install a defibrillator at Hervines Park Pavilion. There is no cost to the Council. Maintenance of the machine along with the cost to replace the battery and electrode pads are to be covered by Kings Church Football Club.

Proposed Councillor L Walsh  
 Seconded Councillor A Lamont

**9. Chiltern District Council Matters**

There were no items for discussion.

**10 Bucks County Council Matters**

The Clerk noted that Amersham in Bloom has been selected as one of the four groups/projects selected to receive a grant from the Bucks CC's Local Area Forum *Amersham Decides Fund*. A grant of up to £4000 is available to the group with the highest number of votes.

**11. 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.**

**12. ITEM CONCERNING ATC LAND**

The meeting ended at 8.17pm

Chairman .....

Date.....