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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 3 September 2018

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

In Attendance: Steve Catanach -Town Clerk - Community Services

13. **Apologies:** Councillor D Kenchington
Councillor M Flys (Deputy Town Mayor)

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

Open Session

The Committee received a presentation from Mark Averill, of Bucks County Council, who outlined a proposal which offered Town and Parish Council funding (£16,800) for a pilot scheme for the remainder of this financial year for Tier 1 parishes to undertake pot-hole repairs and other highway improvements. This is an amendment to the current devolution agreement.

15. **Matters arising from the Approved Minutes of 25 June 2018**

There were no matters arising.

16. **To consider and approve a five year lease extension of Pondwicks Community Orchard and Nature Area from Paradigm**

The report circulated prior to the meeting noted that the Council was granted a five-year lease of Pondwicks Meadow by Paradigm Home Charitable Housing Association in 2013. This lease has enabled the Council to enhance this community asset, with the creation of Pondwicks Community Orchard and Nature Area.

Following discussion it was **agreed** to accept Paradigm's offer to extend the existing lease of Pondwicks for a further five years.

Proposed Councillor L Staite
Seconded Councillor C Jones

17. **To consider and approve supporting takeover day at the Amersham Museum, through a donation from the Martin Phillips Award for Community Engagement**

The report circulated prior to the meeting proposed that Council supports Amersham Museum Takeover Day. This national initiative is designed to encourage children to participate in museums and better understand how they work.

It was agreed to that Council supports takeover day with a £250 donation from the Martin Phillips Award for Community Engagement, a fund which is managed through the Council on behalf of the Phillips family.

Proposed Councillor A Lamont
Seconded Councillor A Seymour

18. **Amersham in Bloom Update**

The Town Clerk's report circulated prior to the meeting noted The RHS Britain in Bloom regional and national judging has taken place, with the community of Amersham collaborating to enable the Council and volunteers to show the town at its very best. Serco, Bucks CC, CDC, Chestnut Lane School, Stony Dean School and the Amersham Free Church are just a handful of groups/businesses that offered support during the judging.

Councillors expressed their thanks Mark Richardson, the Depot and volunteers who worked tirelessly throughout the summer, which has resulted in some wonderful displays in addition to the many engagement projects.

19. **Heritage Day Update**

Councillor Seymour confirmed that all plans for Heritage Day were in place, with many attractions on offer throughout the day. Council noted that they were looking forward to the event.

20. **Arts Festival Update**

The report circulated prior to the meeting was outlined the plans for the festival (15 October – 28 October), including pop up exhibitions, entertainment at the Mad Squirrel and the proposal for a Beatrix Potter Themed Immersive Tea Party.

21. **Chiltern District Council Matters**

Councillor Walsh advised the Committee that the extension to the multi storey car park off Chiltern Avenue was on target to be completed by November.

22. **Bucks County Council Matters**

There were no items for discussion.

23. Matters for Report

Councillor Seymour noted that the Circus which used KGV Field in early August was a success with many favourable comments being received. One complaint was received.

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.

24. ITEM RELATING TO ATC PROPERTY.

The meeting ended at 8.41pm

Chairman

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