

# Amersham Town Council

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### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 29 October 2018

**Present:** Councillor A Seymour (Chair)  
Councillor M Grimson (Deputy Chair)  
Councillor C Jones (Town Mayor)  
Councillor M Flys (Deputy Town Mayor)  
Councillor N Shepherd  
Councillor A Lamont  
Councillor M Vivis  
Councillor C Morgan

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

25. **Apologies:** Councillor D Kenchington  
Councillor L Walsh  
Councillor L Staite

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

#### Open Session

The committee received a presentation from Diana Hammond, of Affinity Water, who outlined a number of potential proposals for environmentally improving the River Misbourne at Barn Meadow. Ms Hammond agreed to forward further information on the options in addition to forwarding a copy of her presentation.

27. **Matters arising from the Approved Minutes of 3 September 2018**

There were no matters arising.

28. **Amersham in Bloom Update**

The Town Clerk's report circulated prior to the meeting was noted. The Mayor briefed the committee on the town's achievements at the RHS National Britain in Bloom Award Ceremony and added her congratulations to all concerned. Tribute was paid to

all the volunteers and Council Depot for their hard work and commitment to make Amersham 'the best'.

The Mayor noted that one of the Council's achievement was not mentioned in the report and duly informed the committee that Mr S Catanach, Town Clerk for Community Services had been awarded a National Community Champion award for his hard work and commitment involving people of all ages across the community. The Mayor congratulated and thanked the Town Clerk on behalf of the Council stating that it is a proud moment for all.

The committee was thrilled to hear that Amersham has once again been invited to the National Britain in Bloom Finals in 2019 and duly agreed to **accept** the invitation from Thames and Chilterns in Bloom.

Proposed Councillor A Seymour  
Seconded Councillor C Jones

29. **To consider replacing the concrete tubs in Sycamore Road with wooden planters with trees**

The Town Clerk outlined a proposal to replace the concrete planters that line Sycamore Road with 1.2sqm wooden troughs planted with trees and flowers. This suggestion follows confirmation that trees cannot be planted in the highway (pavement) due to surface cabling located just below the surface.

The cost of the project being £4750, funded through donations and the Amersham in Bloom budget. The committee **approved** the proposal.

Proposed Councillor A Seymour  
Seconded Councillor A Lamont

30. **To approve the terms and conditions for the hire of sports facilities**

The report circulated prior to the meeting, outlining updated terms and conditions for the hire of sports facilities, was discussed. It was **agreed** to amend the aforementioned conditions of hire to those proposed.

Proposed Councillor M Grimson  
Seconded Councillor M Vivis

31. **To review this year's community events organised by the Town Council and consider the proposed civic events calendar for 2019**

A list of proposed dates for next year's civic events was circulated prior to the meeting. Following discussion the committee commented that this year's summer programme of events was very successful and **approved** the proposed dates for next year, which includes a continental market in Sycamore Road, a per below.

Date	Event
<b>Monday 18 March</b>	<b>Town Meeting/Mayor's Awards</b>
<b>Sunday 5 May</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Band Concert, Memorial Gardens
<b>Sunday 19 May</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Band Concert, Memorial Gardens
<b>Late May Bank Holiday</b>	French or Italian Market in Sycamore Road
<b>Sunday 2 June</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Band Concert, Memorial Gardens
<b>Sunday 16 June</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Band Concert, Memorial Gardens
<b>Sunday 30 June</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Band Concert, Memorial Gardens
<b>Sunday 14 July</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Band Concert, Memorial Gardens; Official Opening of the Memorial Gardens 2019
<b>Sunday 21 July</b>	Children's Concert
<b>Sunday 28 July</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Band Concert, Memorial Gardens;
<b>Sunday 11 Aug</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> Band Concert, Memorial Gardens
<b>Sunday 25 Aug</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> Band Concert, Memorial Gardens
<b>Sunday 8 September</b>	<b>Heritage Day</b>

Proposed Councillor M Flys  
Seconded Councillor C Jones

32. **To review Heritage Day and to ratify donations to a number of groups that were involved in the event**

Councillors noted that Heritage Day proved a successful event with more visitors than ever before. As explained in the previously circulated report many performers/exhibitors attend heritage day without charging a fee, despite incurred costs. Following discussion it was **agreed** to make the following donations to the groups listed below:

Chiltern Traction Engine Club (Steam Engines)	£350
Scoil Irish Dancing Group	£50
Chiltern Jive Jazz Club	£60

Proposed Councillor A Seymour  
Seconded Councillor C Morgan

33. **Chiltern District Council Matters**

Councillor Morgan questioned the absence of landscaping fringing the extension to the multi storey car park off Chiltern Avenue. Following a discussion it was proposed that Council contacts Chiltern District if the proposed trees are not planted on completion of the car park.

34. **Bucks County Council Matters**

There were no items for discussion.

35. **Matters for Report**

The Mayor reported that arrangements for the Community Carol Services are going to plan and how much she is looking forward to the event.

**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.**

**36. ITEM RELATING TO ATC PROPERTY.**

The meeting ended at 8.35pm

Chairman .....

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