

# Amersham Town Council

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

- Present:** Councillor A Seymour (Chair)  
Councillor C Jones (Town Mayor)  
Councillor M Flys (Deputy Town Mayor)  
Councillor A Lamont  
Councillor L Walsh  
Councillor C Morgan
- In Attendance:** Steve Catanach; Town Clerk - Community Services
37. **Apologies:** Councillor D Kenchington  
Councillor L Staite  
Councillor M Vivis  
Councillor M Grimson (Deputy Chair)  
Councillor N Shepherd

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

#### Open Session

The committee received a presentation from David Livermore and Naomi Watkins of AccessAble, a social enterprise organisation, which aims to provide disabled people, older people and anyone with access concerns with the information needed to make informed confident choices about places they want or need to go.

39. **Matters arising from the Approved Minutes of 29 October 2018**  
There were no matters arising.
40. **Amersham in Bloom Items**

#### (i) Amersham in Bloom Update

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

- 16,000 spring flowering bulbs have been planted throughout Amersham this autumn, in association with school pupils and bloom volunteers. The town's flowerbeds have all been refreshed with winter/spring plants.
- Over the past three months £750 has been raised through the sale of Amersham in Bloom greeting cards
- The community orchard, funded in the main, through the Tesco 'Bags for Help' initiative is due to be planted on 13 December. The fruit trees have been sponsored by Rotarians and bloom volunteers, enabling the grant from Tesco to pay for wildflower/grass seed, tree labels and cages.
- Amersham in Bloom supported the Rotary Club's 'eradicate polio' campaign, working in partnership with the group and schools, to plant 5000 crocus corms.

### **(ii) Approval of the 2019 Memorial Gardens Display**

The report circulated prior to the meeting outlined a proposal to create a Wildlife and Conservation display in the Memorial Gardens in 2019. Following discussion, the Committee commented that the display entitled *Conservation in Bloom*, is both innovative and original while embracing the Mayor's environmental theme. The committee agreed to **approve** the aforementioned proposal which would come to life within the central border of the Memorial Gardens (on the bed where the bi-planes are located).

The Mayor commented that the WW1 Commemorative Display had been a huge success this year, perhaps creating a benchmark that may never be exceeded.

In addition, the committee **agreed** that lone soldier should remain in the Memorial Gardens as long as it is deemed possible.

Proposed Councillor C Jones  
Seconded Councillor M Flys

### **(iii) Reducing Plastics in Amersham Awareness Event**

Following discussion, the committee **approved** the proposal to organise a *plastics awareness* event in Amersham, in conjunction with Serco. The event is to be organised in March or April, coinciding with Clean-up Day.

Proposed Councillor L Walsh  
Seconded Councillor A Lamont

#### **41. Chiltern District Council Matters**

Councillor Walsh commented that the planning application for the proposed *Chiltern Life Centre* was due to be submitted on 3 December.

#### **42. Bucks County Council Matters**

There were no items for discussion.

#### **43. Matters for Report**

The Deputy Mayor agreed to arrange a visit with the Town Clerk to discuss the Council website.

**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.**

There were no items for discussion.

The meeting ended at 8.21pm

Chairman .....

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