

# Amersham Town Council

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### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 1 July 2019

- Present:** Councillor A Seymour (Chair)  
Councillor M Grimson (Deputy Chair)  
Councillor A Lamont  
Councillor D Kenchington
- In Attendance:** Steve Catanach; Town Clerk - Community Services  
Paul Ryan; Administration Officer
1. **Apologies:** Councillor L Staite  
Councillor M Flys (Town Mayor)  
Councillor C Jones  
Councillor L Walsh  
Councillor C Morgan  
Councillor M Vivis  
Councillor N Shepherd  
Councillor J Cook (Deputy Mayor)
2. **Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
3. **Matters arising from the Approved Minutes of 11 February 2019**  
There were no matters arising.
4. **To consider the purchase and installation of 'village sign' for Amersham-on-the-Hill.**  
The Town Clerk's report and accompanying image circulated prior to the meeting was noted. Following discussion, the committee unanimously agreed that the proposed sign would make a wonderful addition to Amersham-on-the-Hill. As such the committee **agreed** to purchase the sign recommending that the sign is erected on an oak post.

Proposed Councillor A Seymour  
Seconded Councillor D Kenchington

5. **Amersham in Bloom Update**

The 2019 Amersham in Bloom Portfolio circulated prior to the meeting detailed the achievements of bloom over the past year. The committee noted that the report provided a comprehensive overview of the beneficial work that is achieved through the bloom initiative.

6. **To consider and approve holding the Festival of Arts between 22 and 29 August with the *art exhibition* taking place over the August Bank Holiday weekend**

Following discussion, the committee agreed with the proposal to hold the Festival of Arts between 22 Aug and 29 August, with the art exhibition taking place between Thursday 22 August (preview evening) and 26 August.

Proposed Councillor M Grimson  
Seconded Councillor A Lamont

7. **Civic Event update; including Summer Festival, Heritage Day and Band Concerts**

The Chair of the Committee provided an update on each of the civic events. It was noted that the summer festival, organised by the Amersham Action Group is fast approaching (20 July). As such the Committee asked that the event is advertised on the Council's social media and website.

Preparations for Heritage Day are on target with committee members offering their support as required.

8. **To consider a new Christmas lighting display for Amersham-on-the-Hill.**

The Clerk reported that the Christmas Lighting Contract is up for renewal this year. Following discussion, the committee recommend that cross street icicle (cool white) decorations are installed this year (and for the term of the contract), comprising (at maximum due to the restricted streetscape), six cross street displays and a central zig zag feature (in the middle of Sycamore Road). This would be in addition to decorations at St Michael's Square, decorations on the tree outside Natwest Bank and pole mounts on each streetlight. It was noted that such a display, in addition to festoons in Old Amersham (and along Woodside Road) and a display in the Memorial Gardens, would require a 4-year contract to keep the display within budget.

The Committee requested that the Clerk produces a tender document which is agreed by the Christmas Lights Sub-Committee.

Proposed Councillor D Kenchington  
Seconded Councillor M Grimson

9. **Chiltern District Council Matters**

There were no items for discussion.

10. **Bucks County Council Matters**

There were no items for discussion.

11. **Matters for Report**

Councillor Kenchington reported that she is in discussions with BCC over issues relating to speeding along the Chesham Bois end of Sycamore Road. The Clerk reported that the MVAS, owned by the Council, is due to be erected in Sycamore Road next week.

**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 8.07pm

Chairman .....

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