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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 05 JULY 2021

Present: Councillor M Flys (Deputy Chair)
Councillor M Roberts (Town Mayor)
Councillor R Dineley
Councillor V Head
Councillor S Scott-James
Councillor C Jones
Councillor H Maitland-Jones
Councillor D Pinkney
Councillor A Seymour

In Attendance: Councillor P Milliner
Steve Catanach; Town Clerk - Community Services
Paul Ryan; Administration Assistant
Ian Raba; Aston Miles Media

1. **Apologies:** Councillor J Barnes (Chair/Deputy Mayor)
Councillor J Keeler

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

Open Session

A presentation was received from Ian Raba, Aston Miles Media, who is designing a new website for the Council. Councillors were thrilled with the website which is due to go live at the end of July.

3. **To consider making an application for a tree preservation order to protect the trees in King George V Playing Field**

The committee noted the comments in the Town Clerk report that was circulated prior to the meeting. Following a lengthy discussion, it was decided not to apply for *Tree Preservation Orders* for the trees in King George V Playing Field. However, the committee was keen that the Council publishes a press release/message, highlighting the Council commitment to ensuring that the trees are protected (without the need to have orders on them), in addition to outlining the Council's continued efforts to plant trees and act environmentally responsible.

4. **To discuss a proposal to hire portable toilets for Hervines Park and Barn Meadow for a 10-week period from mid-July until 30th September**

Following discussion, the committee recommended that a portable toilet is hired for both Hervines Park and Barn Meadow, for an 11-week period (one more week than originally proposed) from 15 July.

The total cost is £415 per location, inclusive of delivery.

Proposed Councillor C Jones
Seconded Councillor M Flys

5. **To consider a request to install a dog bin in Chestnut Lane**

The committee discussed the request from a member of the public to install a dog bin in Chestnut Lane. Following consideration, the committee felt that, with no jurisdiction to install and empty dog bins on land that is not owned by Council, the request should be declined. The committee, however, would be happy to recommend that Buckinghamshire Council, as the highway authority, should consider this request.

6. **Amersham in Bloom Update, including a proposal to raise awareness of our use of plastic**

The report outlining a proposal to create a sculpture which would be filled with plastic bottles (to raise awareness on the use of plastic) was circulated prior to the meeting. Following discussion, the committee agreed that such an installation would be a welcome addition to Amersham.

The Clerk and Councillor Barnes were asked to research the cost and feasibility of creating a sculpture, which would be presented at a forthcoming meeting.

The Clerk outlined the recent achievements of Amersham in Bloom.

7. **Civic event Update**

The Clerk gave an update of civic events that are due to take place this summer. It was noted that the first band concert is to take place on 25th July, a week after the street market that has been organised for Sycamore Road.

8. **Buckinghamshire Council Matters**

Councillor Jones reported that Buckinghamshire Council is reviewing their policy for *calling in* planning applications.

9. **Matters for Report**

Following the recent reports of anti-social behaviour in King George V Playing Field, including graffiti and littering, the committee discussed possible options to address the issues. Noting that the problems are cross Council and will potentially cease when the leisure centre opens, the committee decided to wait until this time before trying to resolve the issues. However, the committee is keen for the problems to be addressed through engagement with the users of the park.

The meeting ended at 8.50pm

Chairman Date.....