

# Amersham Town Council

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### DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 18 October 2021

#### Present:

Councillor J Barnes (Chair, Deputy Mayor)  
Councillor M Roberts (Town Mayor)  
Councillor M Flys (Deputy Chair)  
Councillor R Dineley  
Councillor S Scott-James  
Councillor H Maitland-Jones  
Councillor D Pinkney  
Councillor A Seymour  
Councillor J Keeler

**In Attendance:** Councillor Pat Milliner  
Steve Catanach; Town Clerk - Community Services  
Paul Ryan; Community Services Administration Assistant

10. **Apologies:** Councillor V Head  
Councillor C Jones

11. **Declarations of Interest:**

Councillor Roberts declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No. 45 (King's Church Football Club).

12. **To review the current charges for sports pitch hire and cemeteries - memorials and burials**

The report circulated prior to the meeting was noted. Following a lengthy discussion, the committee unanimously **recommended** that the cost to hire the Council's sport pitches be increased by 10% from 1 April 2022. It was also **recommended** that the King's Church Football Club are offered a 10% reduction in the fees payable.

Proposed Councillor D Pinkney

Seconded Councillor R Dineley

The report circulated prior to the meeting was noted and following discussion the committee **recommended** that the cemetery charges remain at their current rate from 1 April 2022 until 31 March 2023.

Proposed Councillor A Seymour  
Seconded Councillor Jason Keeler

13. **To discuss a civic event programme for 2022, including band concerts, street markets, Heritage Day**

A proposed programme of events for next year was outlined at the meeting. Following discussion, the committee **approved** the following list of events:

Date	Event
1 May 2021	1 <sup>st</sup> Band Concert
15 May	2 <sup>nd</sup> Band Concert
29 May	3 <sup>rd</sup> Band Concert
12 June	4 <sup>th</sup> Band Concert
26 June	5 <sup>th</sup> Band Concert
10 July	6 <sup>th</sup> Band Concert
24 July	7 <sup>th</sup> Band Concert
7 Aug	8 <sup>th</sup> Band Concert
14 Aug	9 <sup>th</sup> Band Concert
21 Aug	10 <sup>th</sup> Band Concert
26 Aug – 29 Aug	Festival of Arts
28 Aug	11 <sup>th</sup> Band Concert
4 Sept	Heritage Day

The committee discussed the feasibility of holding six markets in Amersham in 2022. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would liaise with other parties prior to a further discussion at the committee meeting in January.

Proposed Councillor A Seymour  
Seconded Councillor J Keeler

14. **To consider purchasing ER70 bunting for Amersham, to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

The report circulated prior to the meeting was noted. Following discussion, the committee **recommended** the purchase of ER70 bunting to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The total cost for 12 lengths of 25m is £435.36.

Proposed Councillor J Keeler  
Seconded Councillor S Scott-James

15. **To consider a proposal to hire hanging baskets for the town in summer 2022**

The Town Clerk's report circulated prior to the meeting was noted. Following discussion, the Committee **recommended** hiring hanging baskets from Windowflowers, as highlighted:

£3529.05 – Old Amersham (61 baskets)

£3950.10 – AOTH (66 baskets)

**Total £7479.15** (proposed hanging basket budget)

Proposed Councillor D Pinkney  
Seconded Councillor S Scott-James

16. **Amersham in Bloom update, including scheduling a community tree plant in January**

The committee was pleased to hear that Amersham had been awarded outstanding by RHS Britain in Bloom, in two categories in this year's virtual competition – *green solutions* and *wildlife and the environment*. Amersham was one of only three towns within the UK to have achieved this accolade.

Following discussion, the committee **agreed** to organise a community tree plant on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2022. This event forms part of the 'Queen's Green Canopy', a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, which invites people from across the United Kingdom to 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee'.

17. **To consider a proposal to install a sign (in addition to information boards) beside the new train installation noting a QR code which would allow visitors to donate money to the mayor's fund**

A proposal to install a sign with a QR code was outlined at the meeting. Following discussion, the committee **recommended** that a sign is erected with a link enabling people to donate money to charity. It was agreed that the final design be agreed, prior to installation.

Proposed Councillor D Pinkney  
Seconded Councillor H Maitland-Jones

18. **To discuss and agree a proposal to offer the community a tree collection and recycling service in January**

Following discussion, the committee unanimously **agreed** that the Council should offer a tree collection and recycling services for residents this January.

Proposed Councillor A Seymour  
Seconded Councillor R Dineley

19. **To consider a proposal to purchase and install a paper cup recycling bin station**

Following discussion, the committee **recommended** the purchase of a paper cup recycling bin, at a cost of approximately £250, to be installed in the Memorial Gardens. The Clerk was asked to contact the local cafes to see if they would be willing to sponsor the bin.

Proposed Councillor J Keeler  
Seconded Councillor D Pinkney

20. **Update on a proposal to hold a *Climate Action Day* on 13 November outside St Michael's Church**

The Chair outlined a proposal to hold a Climate Action Day on 13 November at St Michael's Square, from 10am-2pm. The Committee noted the plans and agreed that two members of staff could help at the event.

Proposed Councillor R Dineley  
Seconded Councillor D Pinkney

21. **To consider a proposal to install an outdoor bottle filling station in the Memorial Gardens or at another location within Amersham**

The Clerk outlined a proposal to install a bottle filling station in either the Memorial Gardens or Hervines Park. Following discussion, the consensus was that the cost could not be justified.

22. **To approve the use of the Council vehicles to assist with the Remembrance Day commemorations in Chesham Bois**

Following a request from Councillor Seymour, it was **agreed** that the Council vehicles can be used to facilitate the Remembrance Day Commemorations in Chesham Bois. All vehicles are to be driven by depot staff.

Proposed Councillor M Flys  
Seconded Councillor P Milliner

23. **Buckinghamshire Council Matters**

There were no items for discussion.

24. **Matters for Report**

Following a request from the Chair, the committee agreed that two members of staff can help at the Christmas Event in AOTH on 4 December.

The meeting ended at 9.05pm

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