

# Amersham Town Council

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### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 13 February 2023

- Present:**
- Councillor J Barnes (Chair, Deputy Mayor)
  - Councillor R Dineley (Deputy Chair)
  - Councillor M Roberts (Town Mayor)
  - Councillor D Pinkney
  - Councillor H Maitland-Jones
  - Councillor A Lamont
  - Councillor S Scott-James
- In Attendance:**
- Steve Catanach; Town Clerk - Community Services
  - Paul Ryan; Administration Officer
  - Natalia Khimich; Marketing and Sponsorship Co-ordinator
21. **Apologies**
- Councillor M Flys
  - Councillor V Head
  - Councillor C Jones
  - Councillor J Keeler
22. **Declarations of Interest:**
- There were no declarations of interest.
23. **Update on the plans for the King's Coronation, including the purchase of three benches to commemorate the coronation.**
- The Clerk provided an update of the plans and arrangements for the King's Coronation.
- The bands/groups performing at the community events were noted and following a brief discussion it was agreed to pay for a third member of the Polka Dots to perform at the concert on the Sunday, in the Memorial Gardens.
- A 'mock up' of the proposed commemorative bench was shown, with the committee agreeing with the design and wording shown. The committee approved the purchase of

three benches, which will be installed in each of the Council's parks, from Classic Memorial Benches, at a total cost of £3846 plus VAT (not including delivery).

Proposed Councillor R Dineley  
Seconded Councillor S Scott-James

24. **Amersham in Bloom update**

The committee was given an update on this year's bloom projects and initiatives.

The Clerk noted that in addition to the planting of commemorative trees (to celebrate the Coronation of the King), the Council will also be creating small patches of wildflowers in each of the schools in Amersham. These along with the wildflower borders that are sown throughout town, will be named 'Coronation Meadows'.

With the national Great British Spring Clean Campaign taking place from 17<sup>th</sup> March, it was agreed that Amersham Clean-up Day would take place on Saturday 18 March.

It was noted that following the success of being titled the overall winner of Britain in Bloom 2022, Amersham would not enter the regional Thames and Chilterns in Bloom competition this year (Amersham is unable to enter the National Competition).

25. **Climate Action Day/Eco Fest update**

The date for the Climate Action Day/Eco Fest was noted- 10 June 2023. The plans for the event will be discussed at the next Climate Action Working Group meeting, which is due to take place in March.

26. **To agree the wording to be used on the Covid Memorial Plaque**

Following discussion, the committee agreed that the wording that will be placed on the plaque will be as follows-

*In memory of those who lost their lives and those who suffered hardship as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic which started in 2020.*

*With deep gratitude to the dedicated key workers and residents who helped our community during this period.*

It was agreed that the engraved plaque, financed by the mayor's fund, should be approximately A3 in size and installed by the Sensory Garden.

Proposed Councillor M Roberts  
Seconded Councillor A Lamont

27. **To consider a request from Children's Funfair to hold a toddler funfair on King George V Field this summer.**

Following discussion, the committee agreed with the proposal from Children’s Funfair to organise a toddler’s funfair on King George V Playing Field, on the following dates: 16, 17, 18 June and 23, 24, 25 June. A £1200 pitch fee will be charged.

Proposed Councillor D Pinkney  
Seconded Councillor H Maitland-Jones

28. **Update on Visit Amersham Initiative**

Natalia updated the committee on the development of the Visit Amersham initiative. Following discussion, the committee requested that Natalia, updates the Council with the analytics from the website/socials on a regular basis.

29. **Matters for Report**

The Clerk noted that Affinity Water and Five Rivers are intending to hold a drop-in session in Barn Meadow Pavilion, to discuss the impending River Improvement works that are going to take place at Barn Meadow/Pondwicks. However, as Affinity Water/Five Rivers have not as yet undertaken a leaflet drop or communicated with the residents, the committee asked the Clerk to contact Affinity Water, requesting that the drop-in session is postponed to a later date.

The meeting ended at 8.35pm

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