

# Amersham Town Council

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### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 21 November 2022

- Present:**
- Councillor J Barnes (Chair, Deputy Mayor)
  - Councillor M Roberts (Town Mayor)
  - Councillor M Flys
  - Councillor D Pinkney
  - Councillor H Maitland-Jones
  - Councillor V Head
  - Councillor C Jones
  - Councillor J Keeler
  - Councillor A Lamont
- In Attendance:**
- Steve Catanach; Town Clerk - Community Services
  - Natalia Khimich; Marketing and Sponsorship Co-ordinator
11. **Apologies** Councillor R Dineley (Deputy Chair)
12. **Absent no apologies:** Councillor S Scott-James
13. **Declarations of Interest:**
- There were no declarations of interest
14. **To consider a request from the Old Amersham Business Association for Council to help facilitate the 'Magical Christmas' Late Light Shopping Event in Old Amersham on 2 Dec**
- Following a brief discussion, the committee **approved** the request from the Old Amersham Business Association for the Council to help facilitate the Christmas Event in Old Amersham.

Proposed Councillor H Maitland-Jones  
Seconded Councillor C Jones

15. **To Amersham in Bloom Update, including a brief update on various proposals**

The Town Clerk noted the success of this year's bloom campaign culminating in Amersham being named the overall winner of Britain in Bloom 2022. This award is very much attributed to the environmental improvements and the group's engagement within the community.

The committee wished to express their gratitude to the Town Council Office team, Michelle Catanach, Mark Richardson and the depot.

The Town Clerk outlined several proposals for 2023, including:

- The painting of a further ten utility boxes throughout town
- Floral improvements to the verge in Chiltern Ave, to include the planting of small trees with underplating
- The painting of a mural of the wall owned by Mathnasium (Hill Ave)
- Continuing to work and engage with schools
- A potential project to add green roofs to three bus stops in Hill Ave
- The installation of a working clock in the Memorial Gardens to celebrate the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III
- The creation of a children's trail (leaflet)

It was noted that the projects would be funded through sponsorship and monies taken from the Town Centre Improvements (Bloom) budget. The committee **supported** the proposals, on the proviso that the necessary permissions were sought and the implementation of each project cost effective.

Proposed Councillor A Lamont  
Seconded Councillor J Keeler

16. **To consider a programme of civic events for 2023**

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
29 March	Town Meeting and Mayor's Awards
6-8 May	Coronation Weekend
21 May	1 <sup>st</sup> Band Concert
4 June	2 <sup>nd</sup> Band Concert
18 June	3 <sup>rd</sup> Band Concert (Twinning Concert)
2 July	4 <sup>th</sup> Band Concert
15 July-23 July	Festival of Arts
16 July	5 <sup>th</sup> Band Concert
30 July	6 <sup>th</sup> Band Concert
13 Aug	7 <sup>th</sup> Band Concert
27 Aug	8 <sup>th</sup> Band Concert
10 Sept	Heritage Day

The mayor also outlined a proposal to hold a Mayor's Quiz and an afternoon tea hosted in partnership with the High Sheriff, to thank volunteers from local groups.

CLLr Flys noted that Coopers Market's will continue to hold a monthly farmer's market in Old Amersham each month, with the exception of January, throughout 2023.

Proposed Councillor M Roberts  
Seconded Councillor V Head

17. **To consider options for the King's Coronation weekend and set up a meeting for the working group**

The committee noted the importance of celebrating His Majesty's Coronation. The working party has agreed to meet to discuss a potential programme of events/initiatives at a meeting to be held at 7pm on Tuesday 29 November.

18. **To consider inviting a delegation from Bensheim to visit Amersham.**

Following discussion, the committee would like to invite a delegation of four representatives from Bensheim to visit Amersham over the weekend of 16-18 June. This date coincides with a visit from the Bensheim Band.

Proposed Councillor V Head  
Seconded Councillor J Keeler

19. **Update on Visit Amersham Website**

Natalia updated the committee on development of the Visit Amersham website. It is the intention that the website is launched on 1<sup>st</sup> December.

20. **Matters for Report**

There were no matters to report.

The meeting ended at 8.40pm

Chairman .....

Date.....