

# Amersham Town Council

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### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 04 July 2022

**Present:** Councillor J Barnes (Chair, Deputy Mayor)  
Councillor M Roberts (Town Mayor)  
Councillor R Dineley (Deputy Chair)  
Councillor D Pinkney  
Councillor S Scott-James  
Councillor H Maitland-Jones  
Councillor V Head  
Councillor J Keeler  
Councillor A Lamont

**In Attendance:** Councillor Pat Milliner  
Steve Catanach; Town Clerk - Community Services  
Lizzie Richardson; Town Clerk- Finance & Policy  
Tina Coles; Administration Assistant  
Paul Ryan; Administration Assistant

1. **Apologies:** Councillor C Jones  
Councillor M Flys

2. **Declarations of Interest:**

Councillor Barnes, Councillor Head and Councillor Pinkney declared a non-pecuniary interest on Minutes 4 and 9, as members of the Amersham Action Group

3. **To discuss a proposal by the mayor to install a plaque to commemorate those who lost their lives due to Covid-19**

The mayor outlined a proposal to install a plaque which would commemorate those that had lost their lives due to Covid-19. Following discussion, the committee was in

favour of installing a plaque next spring, with the wording to be agreed at a future meeting.

4. **To consider a request from Amersham Action Group and Old Amersham Business Association, to help organise/facilitate the Christmas events planned for 2 and 3 Dec. This includes staffing on the day**

Following discussion, the committee **agreed** that Council should support the Christmas event organised by Amersham Action Group. This includes helping to organise the market/stall holders along with staff helping at the event.

Proposed Councillor Maitland-Jones  
Seconded Councillor R Dineley

Councillor Milliner noted that the Old Amersham Revite, is hoping to support the Christmas event in Old Amersham and will report back to the committee if any help is required to help organise or staff the event.

5. **To agree the proposal to add a mural to the railway arch on Rectory Hill.**

Councillor Barnes and the town clerk updated the committee on a project that they have been working on in conjunction with TfL, Buckinghamshire College and Amersham Museum, to install a mural on the railway arch at the top of Rectory Hill.

The committee was fully supportive of the project noting that it will be a wonderful addition to Amersham, especially as it engages with both the college students and the more elderly residents of Amersham.

Proposed Councillor J Keeler  
Seconded Councillor V Head

6. **Amersham in Bloom Update**

The Town Clerk gave a brief summary of the bloom activities, while noting that everyone is working hard to prepare for the visit of the RHS judges later this month.

7. **Civic Event (including band concerts) and Bensheim Update.**

The clerk noted that the events that have taken place, thus far, have been a success with many residents enjoying the celebrations over the jubilee weekend.

The committee expressed a need to find extra support for the setting up and running of the band concerts. Following discussion, it was **agreed** that Council attempts to enlist a group of volunteers or *community champions*, who would offer support at Council events, assisting at band concerts in the first instance. A poster is to be displayed at the next band concert requesting help.

Proposed Councillor J Keeler  
Seconded Councillor V Head

The clerk reported that Councillor Pinkney and Councillor Keeler have accepted the initiation to represent the Council on a trip to Bensheim in September. The mayor and deputy mayor are unable to attend as the trip coincides with Heritage Day.

8. **To consider a request from the Amersham and Villages Community Board to assist with their food sharing/food hub initiative**

Following a brief discussion, it was **agreed** that the Amersham and Villages Community Board can work in partnership and liaise with tenants who have allotment plots on sites owned by the Council, to publicise their food sharing projects that they are setting up in conjunction with other community groups.

Proposed Councillor J Barnes  
Seconded Councillor J Keeler

9. **To discuss a request from AAG to partner the group to help install a 'town map' in Amersham-on-the-Hill.**

The committee **agreed** that the Council should support the Amersham Action Group's request that the Council assists the project to install a map in AOTH.

10. **Matters for Report**

Following the presentation from 3 Acorns Eco Audits earlier in the evening which summarised the eco-audit report, it was agreed that the Climate Action Sub Committee meet prior to the Council meeting on 18 July, so that they can make their recommendations at the meeting.

The meeting ended at 8.10pm

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