

# Amersham Town Council

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### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 29 July 2024

- Present:**
- Councillor J Barnes (Chair)
  - Councillor R Dineley
  - Councillor D Pinkney (Town Mayor)
  - Councillor E Shepherd (Deputy Town Mayor)
  - Councillor M Flys
  - Councillor A Lamont
  - Councillor S Woodhead
  - Councillor M Roberts
- In Attendance:** Steve Catanach; Town Clerk - Community Services
1. **Apologies**
    - Councillor C Jones
    - Councillor J Keeler
  2. **Absent No Apologies** Councillor S Scott-James
  3. **Declarations of Interest:**

Councillor Barnes and Councillor Pinkney declared a non-pecuniary interest on Minute 10, as members of the Amersham Action Group (Christmas event)
- Open Session**
- Four members of parkrun addressed the committee outlining a proposal to set up a junior parkrun on King George V Playing Field. Junior parkruns are free weekly events, taking place on 9am on Sunday mornings for children aged 4 to 14 years.
4. **To discuss the proposal to set up a junior parkrun on King George V Playing Field**

Noting the information provided by representatives in the open session, following discussion the committee **approved** the request from Parkrun to set up a junior parkrun in King George V Playing Field. Like all junior parkruns nationally, this will take place every Sunday at 9am.

It was agreed that Council will review its agreement, within 6 months of the first race, or before this date as required, to ensure that the field hasn't incurred any damage or that the race hasn't caused any undue inconvenience to other park users. Before the first race, parkrun must provide insurance and risk assessment documents.

Proposed Councillor D Pinkney  
Seconded Councillor E Shepherd

**5. Election of Vice Chair of the Community Services and Engagement Committee**

It was agreed that Councillor Rachel Dineley be elected as Vice Chair of the Community Services and Engagement Committee

Proposed Councillor M Roberts  
Seconded Councillor J Barnes

**6. Membership of the Heritage Day, Amersham in Bloom and Christmas sub-committees:**

It was agreed that the membership of the sub-committees would be as noted below:

Heritage Day- *Councillor Dineley, Councillor Barnes, Councillor Roberts*  
Amersham in Bloom- *Councillor Lamont, Councillor Shepherd, Councillor Woodhead*  
Christmas - *Councillor Pinkney, Councillor Jones, Councillor Barnes*

Proposed Councillor R Dineley  
Seconded Councillor M Roberts

**7. Update on the civic event programme**

The Clerk updated the committee on the Council's programme of events, while Councillor Dineley noted the disappointment of the need to cancel Altogether Amersham due to adverse weather.

**8. Amersham in Bloom**

The Clerk updated the committee on the recent bloom activities, highlighting the success of the floral displays in the Memorial Gardens, the wildflower meadows, the recently installed Kaleidoscope of Butterflies and the Children's Art Trail. A short video captured at the community allotment was shown, in addition to showing the committee a copy of the newly published 'Wonders of the Wild' book that has been created using illustrations, poems and photographs, that were submitted by local school children, as part of an engagement project.

9. **Update on Visit Amersham**

The committee noted the report that Natalia circulated prior to the meeting.

10. **To consider a proposal to organise the Christmas Festival in AOTH in partnership with AAG**

Following a brief discussion the committee **agreed** that Council would help to organise the Christmas Event in AOTH, that is taking place on 30 November

Proposed Councillor E Shepherd  
Seconded Councillor R Dineley

11. **Public consultation on the delivery model for Buckinghamshire Libraries**

Councillor Barnes, noted the public consultation on the delivery model for Buckinghamshire Libraries, and following discussion, **agreed** that the committee should complete the consultation themselves as individuals, rather than the Council submitting a response.

12. **Matters to Report**

The Clerk noted that the Council is currently inviting tenders for both the supply of Christmas Lights and for the Council’s IT Support. Councillor Roberts agreed to witness the opening of the Christmas Light tenders on 13 August, while Councillor Woodhead will witness the opening of the IT tenders on 14 August, at 10am.

The mayor noted that rather than nominating a charity for his term of office, he will be offering residents the opportunity to receive grants from the Mayors Fund, to help support local projects.

The meeting ended at 8.31pm

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