

# Amersham Town Council

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### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 13 APRIL 2026

**Present:** Councillor J Barnes (Chair)  
Councillor P Edwards  
Councillor J Brown  
Councillor M Roberts  
Councillor M Day  
Councillor E Kolb  
Councillor K Thornton  
Councillor S Woodhead  
Councillor D Pinkney

**In Attendance:** Councillor H Amarshi  
Steve Catanach; Town Clerk - Community Services  
Lizzie Richardson; Town Clerk- Finance and Policy  
Rob Seddon; Coopers Markets (part meeting)

38. **Absent No Apologies** Councillor A Vyas  
Councillor J Noaman

39. **Declarations of Interest**  
There were no declarations of interest.

#### **Open Session**

Rob Seddon from Coopers Markets addressed the Committee regarding markets in Amersham and the Christmas event in Old Amersham.

40. **Visit Amersham – Update**

Councillor Kolb updated the Committee on the recent Visit Amersham Working Party Meetings, noting that a revised marketing plan had been developed. She also highlighted that, in line with the report circulated by Natalia. The agreed core objectives have been updated and agreed as follows: Delight residents and encourage local spending; increase visitor footfall and spend; and support and promote local businesses and events.

41. **Youth Council**

Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to adopt the circulated constitution, subject to a number of minor amendments.

The Working Party will consist of Councillors Barnes and Councillor Roberts, along with Michelle Catanach as Adult Support Officer. A local resident will also be invited to join the working party.

Proposed Councillor M Day  
Seconded Councillor D Pinkney

42. **Amersham in Bloom -Update**

The Clerk noted that the displays of bulbs throughout Amersham were looking spectacular, while also showcasing the wider benefits of the Bloom initiative, including art and community engagement.

A proposal to paint a respectful mural on the tea hut doors was approved.

Proposed Councillor M Roberts  
Seconded Councillor D Pinkney

43. **Legend on a Bench**

Following discussion, the Committee approved the proposal to install a suicide prevention bench in Woodside Close, replacing one of the existing benches. The bench will feature a plaque directing people to 24/7 crisis support services. Funding will be provided through crowdfunding donations, in addition to monies from Councillor Dominic Pinkney's Past Mayor's Fund.

Proposed Councillor K Thornton  
Seconded Councillor J Brown

44. **Civic Event– Update**

It was noted that the next event is the Mayor's Community Awards, which will take place after the Town Meeting on 28 April.

Councillor Amarshi outlined a number of proposals to celebrate Diwali. Following discussion, the Committee agreed that the Christmas lights should be erected in time for Diwali and illuminated from 3 November to 10 November, between 5pm and 12am each night.

Proposed Councillor D Pinkney  
Seconded Councillor S Woodhead

45. **To approve the hire of portable toilets for Hervines Park and Barn Meadow for the summer period**

The Committee agreed to hire portable toilets for both Barn Meadow and Hervines Park until 7 September, at a cost of £872 per site.

Proposed Councillor M Roberts  
Seconded Councillor D Pinkney

46. **To approve the purchase of bunting for AOTH.**

Following a brief discussion, it was agreed to purchase bunting to replace the existing worn bunting, which will be erected in Sycamore Road.

Proposed Councillor M Roberts  
Seconded Councillor M Day

47. **To approve the undertaking of regular checks for the defibrillators on Council land.**

The Clerk noted that King’s Church Football Club (KCFC) and the Friends of Rectory Meadow are struggling to undertake the checks of the defibrillators located at Barn Meadow, Hervines Park, and the Market Hall.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed that the Depot Team would now undertake these checks. The cost of any replacement batteries or pads for the defibrillators at Barn Meadow and Hervines Park will be covered by KCFC.

Proposed Councillor S Woodhead  
Seconded Councillor D Pinkney

48. **Matters For Report**

The Clerk noted that the Council had been successful in securing funding from Thames Valley Police to purchase a new Speed Indicator Device, at a cost of up to £4,000.

The meeting ended at 9.20pm

Chairman .....

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