

Sandy Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Community Services and Environment Committee of Sandy Town Council held on Monday 10 June 2013 at 10 Cambridge Road, Sandy commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllrs Nigel Aldis (Chairman item 1 onwards), Christopher Butterfield, Will Jackson (Chairman item 1), Colin Osborne (substitute for Ken Lynch), Marion Runchman, Robert Smith, Susan Sutton and Sharon Walsh.

Absent: Cllrs Jafor Ali, Ken Lynch and Andy Maycock.

In attendance: Cllrs Martin Pettitt and Michael Scott. Also in attendance Andy Gibb, a reporter and the Deputy Town Clerk.

1 Election of Chairman and Vice-chairman (C07/2013-14)

It was resolved: to elect Cllr Aldis as Chairman of the Committee.

It was resolved: to elect Cllr Jackson as Vice-chairman of the Committee.

2 Apologies for absence (C08/2013-14)

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Ali, Lynch and Maycock.

3 Declarations of interest and requests for dispensations (C09/2013-14)

- i) Declarable Pecuniary Interests – As an RSPB employee, Cllr Sutton drew attention to a pecuniary interest in matters pertaining to item 5 Potton/Sandy Cycleway as a large part of the proposed route for the cycleway goes through the RSPB.
- ii) Other Interests – Cllr Aldis drew attention to a personal interest in item 12 Allotments and Cemetery because he is an existing allotment tenant.

4 Minutes of previous meeting (C10/2013-14)

RESOLVED to receive the minutes of the Community Services and Environment Committee held on 22 April 2013 and to approve them as a correct record of proceedings.

Cllr Sutton left the room before the next item.

5 Potton/Sandy Cycleway (C11/2013-14)

A report from the Town Clerk had been circulated before the meeting. Andy Gibb, Potton Town Councillor gave an oral report on plans for the Potton/Sandy Cycleway and inviting a representative from Sandy

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Town Council to attend a meeting on the 1st July 2013 to discuss the cycleway. Cllr Aldis volunteered to attend the meeting on the 1st July.

It was resolved: that Cllr Aldis attend the meeting to discuss the Potton/Sandy Cycleway on the 1st July 2013.

Cllr Sutton re-entered the room before the next item.
Mr Gibb left the room before the next item.

6 The Limes (C12/2013-14)

A report from the Deputy Town Clerk which included a letter from an elector had been circulated before the meeting.

It was resolved: to recommend that as the land behind 1,3,5,7 Lime Avenue and 1-5 Ash Close has a value and as the gardens of the properties would increase in size, the market price of the properties would rise from homeowners developing part of their existing garden, that the Town Council for the benefit of the whole community must contact the district valuer to obtain the value of the land mentioned above.

7 Green Space Issues (C13/2013-14)

i) CBC Sandy Green Wheel/Arc Project

A report from the Town Clerk had been circulated before the meeting. Cllr Aldis and Runchman volunteered for the steering group. Members discussed whether Cllr Maycock may also like to become a member of the steering group.

It was resolved: that Cllr Aldis and Runchman become members of the steering group.

It was resolved: that Cllr Maycock is asked if he would also like to be a member of the steering group.

ii) Update on CBC work with Sandcast Woods

iii) Update on CBC work with Bridleway 8

Cllr Aldis gave an oral report on CBC work with regard to Sandcast Wood and Bridleway 8 with regard to improving the area.

It was resolved: to write to Jonathan Woods and Chris Nicol at Central Bedfordshire Council to establish a timetable of work for both areas for the carry out of improvements, to advise them that a number of wooden sections of fencing are missing near the bridge at the Ivel Road end of Sandcast footpath and that the area has received a lack of maintenance.

8 Beeston Green (C14/2013-14)

A report from the Town Clerk had been circulated before the meeting. The report was welcomed. Members discussed the setting up of a working group to consider issues relating to the future management

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of Beeston village green and the involvement of other interested parties from Beeston.

It was resolved: that a working group of members is set up.

It was resolved: that as well as members other interested parties from Beeston are involved as necessary to gather information.

It was resolved: that Cllr Scott and Jackson become members of the working group.

It was resolved: that all other council members are consulted about becoming members of the working group.

Cllr Pettitt left the room before the next item.

Cllr Scott left the room before the next item.

9 Sandy Skate Park (C15/2013-14)

Cllr Pettitt re-entered the room.

A report from the Town Clerk was circulated at the meeting.

Cllr Butterfield gave an oral report and advised on various proposals for developing the skate park, these included the removal of the youth shelter. Cllr Butterfield asked the Committee how much the Town Council would contribute towards the replacement of the skate park.

10 Watercourse Maintenance Programme for 2013/14 (C16/2013-14)

Members noted the correspondence confirming planned watercourse maintenance programme advised by Bedfordshire and River Ivel Internal Drainage Board.

It was resolved: to welcome the planned maintenance work.

11 Sandy Markets (C17/2013-14)

Cllr Jackson gave an oral report on the Sandy Farmers Market which took place on Saturday 1 June 2013. Cllr Jackson advised that nine stalls were booked to attend, eight stalls attended the market and one stall didn't attend, he also advised that the previous and new stallholders had a successful market.

Members noted the oral report.

12 Allotments and Cemetery (C18/2013-14)

A report from the Town Clerk had been circulated before the meeting. Members noted the report.