

Sandy Town Council

Minutes of Sandy Town Council meeting held in the Council Chamber at 10 Cambridge Road, Sandy, Bedfordshire on Monday 13 April 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs N Aldis, J Ali, A Jackson (Mayor), C Osborne, M Pettitt, M Runchman, M Scott, D Sharman, P Sharman and S Sutton

Absent: Cllrs C Butterfield, K Sharp and R Smith

In attendance: Carol Baker-Smith (Clerk), CBC Cllr C Maudlin, 2 representatives of Bedfordshire Cricket Ltd and Teams Beds & Luton and 13 members of the public

1 Apologies for Absence (158-2014/15)

There were none.

2 Declarations of interest and requests for dispensations (159-2014/15)

- i) *Disclosable Pecuniary Interests - None*
- ii) *Non Disclosable Interests - None*
- iii) *Dispensations - None*

3 Public Participation Session (160-2014/15)

A member of the public expressed concerns regarding various questions concerning confidential HR matters. The Mayor replied that a statement would be made when the matters were concluded.

A member of the public expressed concerns regarding various matters which were submitted in writing and would be answered within one week.

A member of the public raised concerns regarding the weirs on the River Ivel. A councillor responded that Central Bedfordshire Council were already in consultation with the Environment Agency. The Town Council had also submitted a response to the consultation as had other Town Council councillors. The Environment Agency has three months to review the responses and then a further meeting will be held with stakeholders. Public consultation meetings will be held later in the year.

A member of the public raised the question of the Tourist Information Centre now being closed and when would the new Information Centre room be open. The Mayor explained it would be open in approximately two months' time.

A councillor raised the subject of the public conveniences in Bedford

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Road Recreation Ground being a place for anti-social behaviour and drug-taking. It was **RESOLVED** to propose that the Police patrol more regularly and that any disturbances are reported immediately to the Town Council and that improvements to the public conveniences be discussed at the next Community Services and Environment meeting.

A councillor reported that at a recent Cemetery Extension Working Group meeting it had been agreed that the planning application would now be submitted to the Planning Department at Central Bedfordshire Council.

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A member of the public raised questions regarding the newly erected fence by the river. A councillor offered to copy an email from Central Bedfordshire Council to the member explaining matters regarding the new fence.

Cllr Aldis

4 **Minutes of previous Town Council Meetings (161-2014/15)**

RESOLVED to receive the minutes of the meetings of Sandy Town Council held on Monday 2 March, Monday 23 March and Monday 30 March and to approve them as a correct record of proceedings.

5 **Presentation from Bedfordshire Cricket Ltd and Team Beds and Luton (162-2014/15)**

After a presentation by representatives (Martin Darlow and Graham Simson) from Bedfordshire Cricket Ltd and Team Beds and Luton and a lengthy discussion it was **RESOLVED** that Council would support the proposal to develop the sports infrastructure of Sandy at Sunderland Road Recreation Ground and apply for £75,000 of funding for more young people to partake in sport and that the detailed proposals should be received in time for the 18th May Town Council meeting. It was agreed that Cllr Pettitt would be the contact for the Town Council and would liaise with Graham Simson with regard to registering the bid with Sport England. The deadline for submissions was the 8 June 2015.

6 **Police Matters (163-2014/15)**

The report was tabled and noted.

7 **Minutes of committees and recommendations therein (164-2014/15)**

To receive and note the minutes of the meetings of the following committees and sub-committees (previously circulated) and (if applicable) to approve recommendations therein which do not arise elsewhere

- i) **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of meetings of the

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Development Scrutiny Committee held on 2 March 2015 and 30 March 2015

- ii) **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of a meeting of the Community Services & Environment Committee held on 9 March 2015
- iii) **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of a meeting of the Policy, Finance and Resources Committee held on 30 March 2015 and to approve the recommendation contained therein at items 7, 8, 9 as shown below:

Item 7

RESOLVED that the Biggleswade Hitchin & District Angling Association rent should be £485.75 plus the rate of inflation in January 2015 and VAT and the Reserve Forces & Cadets Association rent be set at £190.00 + VAT for three years.

Item 8

RESOLVED that the report be noted and a press release be issued showing the total of the grants made. Also the decision on how money from the Council's grant budget be distributed in the future be deferred to the new Council in May. In the meantime any suggestions be sent to the office before the 18 May 2015. It was also suggested that four councillors and three members of the public could make up a grants committee.

Item 9

RESOLVED to approve the question of responsibility for payment of a skip at Sunderland Road Recreation Ground and that costs for the supply of the skip be sought.

- (iv) **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of a meeting of the Human Resources Committee held on 16 March 2015

8 Financial Matters (165-2014/15)

- i) **RESOLVED** to note a summary statement of income and expenditure against budget for the year to date (previously circulated)
- ii) **RESOLVED** to note a list of payments made for January 2015 (previously circulated)

9 Christmas Lighting Display 2015 (166-2014/15)

RESOLVED to approve the quotation for this year's lights.

10 Sandy Markets (167-2014/15)

RESOLVED that the current stalls be moved to the Market Square outside the Post Office from Friday 1st May 2015 and to be reviewed in six months time.

A recorded vote was requested:

For: Councillors Aldis, Ali, Jackson, Pettitt, Scott, D Sharman, P Sharman and Sutton

Against: Cllr Runchman

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Abstain: Cllr Osborne

11 Reports from Representatives (168-2014/15)

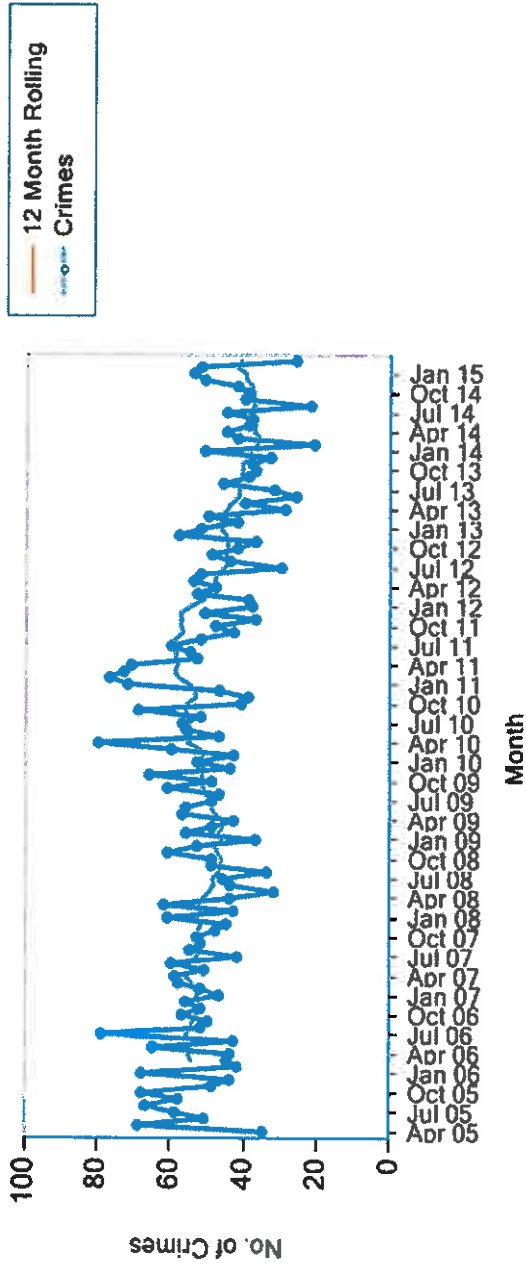
- a) CBC Ward Members – Cllr Mauldin reported that the report for the Annual Town Meeting was now available. She also mentioned that nominations for the Cheering Volunteers scheme were invited and would be presented on 2 June 2015 at Dunstable.
- b) STC Representatives on external bodies – there were none.
- c) The Mayor invited nominations for the Mayor's Awards to be presented on 27 April 2015 at the Annual Town Meeting.
- d) Councillor Pettitt proposed thanks to Councillors Runchman and D Sharman for their work during the last four years on behalf of the members.

12 News Release (169-2014/15)

None

After a five minute break the Council **RESOLVED** to exclude the press and public to discuss confidential matters.

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Crime Type Breakdown in last 12 months

Financial Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Avg
Current Financial Year: 2014/2015	45	39	38	45	22	40	39	42	51	54	52	26	493	41.08
Financial Year: 2013/2014	29	40	26	32	46	39	37	38	33	51	21	42	434	36.17
Financial Year: 2012/2013	48	54	52	30	44	49	42	37	58	52	42	50	558	46.50
Financial Year: 2011/2012	71	53	55	60	52	43	48	37	51	38	39	53	600	50.00
Financial Year: 2010/2011	80	47	56	57	52	69	41	39	47	72	77	73	710	59.17
Financial Year: 2009/2010	43	57	56	49	47	61	49	66	44	53	43	60	628	52.33
Financial Year: 2008/2009	44	32	44	46	34	49	49	61	53	37	56	49	554	46.17
Financial Year: 2007/2008	59	51	60	42	55	52	53	48	45	61	43	62	631	52.58
Financial Year: 2006/2007	44	65	43	79	52	50	57	52	56	47	52	58	655	54.58
Financial Year: 2005/2006	35	69	51	59	67	58	68	49	44	68	42	45	655	54.58

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Domestic Burglary.

Financial Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Avg
Current Financial Year: 2014/2015	1	2	3	1		4	6	2	4	6	5	1	35	2.92
Financial Year: 2013/2014	2	4	1	1	4	3	1	2		2	1	2	23	1.92
Financial Year: 2012/2013	3	2	2	1	3	4	4	3	10	16	4	3	55	4.58
Financial Year: 2011/2012	4	3	10	1	7	6	8	5	8	1	1	2	56	4.67
Financial Year: 2010/2011	7	1	3	5	2	5	6	3	3	7	6	7	55	4.58
Financial Year: 2009/2010	1	3	3	1	4	4	2	8	3	7	1	2	39	3.25
Financial Year: 2008/2009	1	1	2		2	4	2	5	9	5	3	1	35	2.92
Financial Year: 2007/2008		2	5		2	7	5	3	7		1	1	33	2.75
Financial Year: 2006/2007	3	1	4	9	3	4	1	1	4	2	10	3	45	3.75

Burglary Other.

Financial Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Avg
Current Financial Year: 2014/2015	2	2	3	8	3	1	1	4		2	2	3	31	2.58
Financial Year: 2013/2014	3	3	1	3	5		2		3	8	1	1	30	2.50
Financial Year: 2012/2013	8	7	6		3	5	5	6	7	3	2	3	55	4.58
Financial Year: 2011/2012	12	5	3	9	2	3	5	1	2	2	4	4	52	4.33
Financial Year: 2010/2011	20	7	3	6	6	6	5	3	3	8	14	7	88	7.33
Financial Year: 2009/2010	2	4	11	8	4	6	6	3	5	6	2	6	63	5.25
Financial Year: 2008/2009	6	2	8	3	5	3	12	4	5	4	2	4	58	4.83
Financial Year: 2007/2008	11	4	4	2	4	5	3	5	4	5	5	7	59	4.92
Financial Year: 2006/2007	1	6	4	7	3	4	6	2	6	2	4	10	55	4.58

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Vehicle Crime.

Financial Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Avg
Current Financial Year: 2014/2015	8	12	6	5	1	9	4	3	3	6	3	1	61	5.08
Financial Year: 2013/2014	3	8	3	2	5	3	8	6	4	10	2	9	63	5.25
Financial Year: 2012/2013	5	9	9	3	12	9	3	5	13	5	6	5	84	7.00
Financial Year: 2011/2012	8	6	2	10	8	5	5	4	12	9	7	12	88	7.33
Financial Year: 2010/2011	4	3	7	6	6	4	1	3	6	8	8	5	61	5.08
Financial Year: 2009/2010	10	6	6	7	7	9	11	8	6	6	5	3	84	7.00
Financial Year: 2008/2009	5	4	7	10	6	2	4	11	8	5	6	9	77	6.42
Financial Year: 2007/2008	6	6	5	3	13	6	9	5	9	6	5	15	88	7.33
Financial Year: 2006/2007	5	11	3	6	3	8	15	10	6	4	5	10	86	7.17

Criminal Damage.

Financial Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Avg
Current Financial Year: 2014/2015	9	5	3	8	5	10	9	16	24	16	10	3	118	9.83
Financial Year: 2013/2014	5	5	9	12	6	4	7	9	7	7	4	9	84	7.00
Financial Year: 2012/2013	13	15	11	6	6	12	9	9	12	7	8	6	114	9.50
Financial Year: 2011/2012	20	13	13	16	10	8	12	10	12	7	6	9	136	11.33
Financial Year: 2010/2011	14	11	6	15	14	16	11	12	14	25	20	27	185	15.42
Financial Year: 2009/2010	10	23	12	15	12	15	11	22	11	11	13	20	175	14.58
Financial Year: 2008/2009	9	14	12	18	12	18	9	20	15	10	23	8	168	14.00
Financial Year: 2007/2008	25	8	14	12	13	15	12	14	5	19	4	20	161	13.42
Financial Year: 2006/2007	20	20	6	26	16	17	12	15	17	20	12	18	199	16.58
Financial Year: 2005/2006	4	18	11	19	18	9	13	12	10	18	15	11	158	13.17

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Crime Type	Recorded Crime		Solved Crimes	
	27/02/14 to 08/04/14	27/02/15 to 08/04/15	27/02/14 to 08/04/14	27/02/15 to 08/04/15
Violence against the Person	11	16	5	8
Sexual Offences	1	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Domestic Burglary	3	1	1	1
Burglary Other	1	3	0	0
Vehicle Crime	14	2	1	0
Other Theft	15	11	4	8
Criminal Damage	12	9	0	1
Drugs	0	0	2	0
Other Notifiable Offences	2	1	1	1
Total	59	43	14	19

There has been a large reduction in crimes for this period.

Burglary Dwelling.

- West field Gardens; 09/03/15 at 2100. A male knocked at an elderly person's door and was allowed in. The male then asked where the cash was

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kept. The occupant managed to call the Police and the male was later detained.

Burglary Other.

- Winchester Road; 11/03/15. A garden shed was broken into, nothing was taken.
- Stratford Road; 12/03/15. Commercial shed, the alarm was activated.
- London Road; 22/03/15. A Commercial Garage, access through forcing the lock on the front door.

Vehicle Crime.

- Western Way; 20/03/15. A vehicle was taken from the location and later found. Owner wouldn't support any further Police action.
- Orchard Road Beeston; between 2100 on 02/04/15- 0715 on 03/04/15. Unknown access was gained to a vehicle and power tools were stolen.

Violence Against the Person.

- Sunderland Road; 01/03/15 and 06/04/15; children fighting in the park.
- College Road; 05/03/15; argument between 2 drivers.
- Market Square; 05/03/15; assault on male; no further action required from the Police.
- Girtford Bridge; 20/03/15 and 01/04/15; 2 separate incidents between work colleagues.
- High Street; 07/03/15; item were taken without payment; a struggle occurred.
- Park Road; 09/03/15; youth incident.
- Engayne Avenue; 02/04/15; assault in a property whilst all intoxicated.
- Station Road; 06/04/15; there were 2 incidents recorded which happened at the same time on Bank Holiday Monday.
- There were also 3 domestic related incidents and 1 Police Officer assaulted.

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Other theft.

- 6 shoplifting offences and
- 4 making off without payment.

Criminal Damage.

- 4 vehicle damage incidents.
- 6 other; which include damage to an external wire, cycle scratched x2 and the bottom of a fence damaged.

I am attending the Annual meeting so will not be attending tonight.

Other news.

I have been on Foot beat in the town centre especially in the school holidays and visited the parks.

On; 09/04/15; I spent the whole day on foot in Sandy. I visited a residential home; giving security advice, visited locations in the town centre, did another visit to an organisation for supported housing. I had lunch in a café and joined the Sandy Speedwatch team in Bedford Road. This is something we are trying to do more often when resources permit; we want to engage more with the Community and be seen out on foot patrol.

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