

Sandy Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of Sandy Town Council held in the Council Chamber at 10 Cambridge Road, Sandy, Bedfordshire on Monday 6 July 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs P N Aldis, T Cole, A M Hill, A Jackson (Mayor), C Osborne, M Pettitt, M Scott, P Sharman and S Sutton

Absent: Cllrs J Ali, G Leach, Cllrs C Maudlin J Ali (CBC).

In attendance: Cllrs Stock and Smith (CBC), Mrs C Baker-Smith (Acting Clerk), Ms M Bracey (Minutes Clerk) Mr P Bradley (RSPB) and Reporter from Biggleswade Chronicle.

	Action
<p>1 Apologies for Absence (29-2015/2016) Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Ali, Leach and Maudlin.</p>	Admin
<p>2 Declaration of Interest and requests for dispensations (30-2015/16) i) <i>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests</i> – Cllr Sutton, as an employee of RSPB will leave the room during item 5 on the agenda. ii) <i>Non Disclosable Interests</i> – None iii) <i>Dispensations</i> – None</p>	Admin
<p>3 Public Participation Session (31-2015/16) There were no questions or representations from members of the public.</p>	
<p>4 Minutes of previous Town Council Meeting (32-2015/16) RESOLVED to receive the minutes of the meeting of Sandy Town Council held on Monday 29 June 2015 and to approve them as a correct record of proceedings.</p>	Admin
<p>5 Presentation from RSPB (33-2015/16) Mr Bradley reported that most of the work regarding the proposed wind turbine has been signed off although the Traffic Management plan is yet to be finalised but it is anticipated this will be done very soon. At the end of July 2015 works to the entrance from B1042 into the site will begin. An area has been cleared for the base for the crane and the base for the turbine. Turbine sections will come through Sandy in October along St Neots Road, and the High Street. Heavier sections will come via a different route through Potton. This is usually done at night. It will take 5 days to erect the turbine and there will be a period of testing. By November 2015 the wind turbine should be working and producing</p>	Admin

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electricity. In reply to a question from a member Mr Bradley stated that the new entrance will remain for the lifetime of the turbine 20-25 years.

A member suggested recording the process during construction development and Mr Bradley agreed.

A member asked if the proposed new Visitor Centre and Café had been postponed and Mr Bradley said unfortunately this was so.

Discussion took place re the movement of turbine parts through Sandy and narrow access but it was said that the Traffic Management Company should be aware of this.

Mr Bradley was thanked for his presentation and he said that if the Council had any more questions he would be happy to take them to ECO Electricity.

6 Police Matters (34-2015/16)

PCSO Ann Jeeves spoke to a report on reported crime in Sandy which had been previously circulated. Discussion took place on some of the areas in the report. A member raised concerns she had of drivers speeding, using mobile phones, children in front of cars, and not using seat belts. PCSO Jeeves said that Police were concentrating on speeding but that she would have a presence near the zebra crossing on Bedford Road and monitor the situation.

A member raised the question of whether there was still anti-social behaviour at Bedford Road Recreation Ground. PCSO Jeeves hadn't heard of any but she would also patrol this area.

It was asked by a member whether the CCTV in this area was working. PCSO Jeeves reported that there has to be a crime and a time frame when applying for footage. Councillors were surprised to hear this and it was suggested that the current situation in respect of CCTV camera be investigated.

PCSO Jeeves also informed the Council that Police Officers will be returning to Biggleswade Police Station and Police Officers will be back in the community.

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7 Minutes of Committees and recommendations therein (35-2015/16)

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

i) **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of meetings of Development Scrutiny Committee held on 1 June and 22 June 2015.

Section 106 monies were discussed and Cllr P Smith CBC will look into this and report back.

ii) **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the meeting of the Community Services and Environment Committee held on 1 June 2015.

iii) **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the meeting of the Human

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Resources Committee held on 8 June 2015

iv) **RESOLVED** to note the minutes of the meeting of the Policy Finance and Resources Committee held on 22 June 2015.

8 Financial Matters (36-2015/16)

i) **RESOLVED** to note a summary of the statement of income and expenditure against budget for the year to date as previously scrutinized by the Policy, Finance and Resources Committee.

ii) **RESOLVED** to note a list of payments made since the last Town Council meeting (previously circulated).

It was requested that the month being approved be noted on the Agenda.

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9 Banking Arrangements (37-2015/2016)

RESOLVED that the signatories for the Bank will be Cllrs Aldis, Osborne, Pettitt, Scott and the Acting Town Clerk.

RESOLVED that the signatories for Mayors account will be Cllrs Jackson and the Acting Town Clerk.

Discussions took place re accessing the online bank account and it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Pettitt will speak to the Bank about this and other issues.

Cllr
Pettitt

10 Co-option procedure (38-2015/2016)

Cllr Cole was thanked for her work in this matter.

RESOLVED to accept the Procedure with 2 amendments.

i) Insert Chair's casting vote

ii) Review the procedure every 4 years.

RESOLVED that the process be started with the deadline for applications 10 August 2015 and the candidates to be invited to the Town Council Meeting on 17 August 2015.

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11 Update on Sandy Town Plan (39-2015/16)

Cllr Hill gave a resume of the Sandy Town Plan and said that it should be Sandy and Beeston Town Plan. Progress was updated in May 2015. A member mentioned the work done by the Athletics Club and young people for adding to the Plan.

Cllr Hill was thanked for all the work he has done on this.

RESOLVED to adopt the plan and refer it to CBC.

That the plan be reviewed annually and that Cllr Hill produces a summary sheet for the next edition of the Bulletin.

Cllr Hill

12 Sport England (40-2015/16)

RESOLVED that Cllr Pettitt contact Mr Graham Simpson for an update on the on the application.

Cllr
Pettitt

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- 13 Cemetery Extension (41-2015/16)**
RESOLVED that the recommendation that the Community Services and Environment Committee have the responsibility to action any proposals brought from the Cemetery Extension Working group be approved.
- 14 News Release (42-2015/2016)**
RESOLVED to issue a news release regarding the co-option procedure.

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