

SANDBACH TOWN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes for the meeting held on Wednesday, 2nd March 2022 in the Sandbach Town Hall Ballroom.

In attendance:

Councillors K Flavell
 G Price Jones (Town Mayor)
 S Broad
 A Nevitt
 N Cook (Following resolution of item 2)

Also present were three members of the public.

In the absence of the Committee Chair and Vice Chair, the meeting clerk sought nominations for a Chair. On receipt of nomination Cllr Flavell was unanimously agreed as Chair of the Meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs L Crane, D Hegarty and G Merry

2. CO-OPTION TO THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Resolved: That Cllr Nicola Cook is co-opted to the Community and Environment Committee.

Cllr Cook immediately joined the meeting.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The Chair adjourned the meeting to allow questions from members of the public.

Resident 1.

Queried reporting route for footpath accessibility, safety and visual impact in relation to A-boards and banners.

The resident was advised that several Members intend to support previous work undertaken by Sandbach Grassroots, by travelling pavements within the locality with various mobility aids in order to produce a report on the Town issues.

An invite to join this review was extended to the resident and they were advised to also contact the CEC Town Ward Member, Cllr Benson, and the Chair of CEC's Environment and Community Committee with regard to their concerns. An update from the Ward Members, following their review of the footpath accessibility over coming months, will be provided for this Committee in due course.

Further query was raised regarding dog-walking on local amenity space and lack of enforcement for those who do not clean up after their own dogs.

The meeting clerk will contact CEC Ward Member regarding dog mess on amenity spaces.

The Meeting was reconvened.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The meeting was not quorate of those in attendance at the last meeting, 6 December 2021, to approve. Deferred to next meeting.

5. COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT TERMS OF REFERENCE

Resolved: The revised terms of reference for the Community and Environment Committee are recommended to Council for approval.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE

6.1 PARTY IN THE PARK

The Chair of the Meeting provided a brief summary of the requirements and routine for the events.

Due to matter raised during past audit regarding ticketing routine for Party in the Park, a reminder will be passed to the Events Sub Committee Clerk.

Resolved: that:-

- i. The appointment of Blitz to deliver the Firework display for Party in the Park 2022, following recommendation by the Events Sub-Committee, at a cost of £2976 is approved and the spend allocated to budget line 140 4820 (Community Events).
- ii. The appointment of Hipswing, to deliver the staging, lighting and sound for Party in the Park 2022, following recommendation by the Events Sub-Committee, at a cost of £5726.70 is approved. The spend will be allocated to budget line 140 4820 (Community Events).
- iii. Further event delivery spend required is delegated to the Town Clerk's office, in accordance with approved budget and financial regulations and allocated to budget line 140 4820 (Community Events).

6.2 JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

An update of Event Sub-Committee discussion in relation to the Jubilee celebration was received and members considered the sum to be allocated, which is to be a contribution towards any planned community activities.

Resolved: That:-

- i. Members agree to support the Events Sub-Committees Jubilee Scheme.
- ii. a £1200 allocation be made from the underspent 2021-2022 Community Events Budget (140 4820) which can be drawn on for the scheme through to June 2022-2023 due to the timing of the Jubilee
- iii. the Town Clerk's office is delegated to contact local Friends of Sandbach Park Groups and other groups, in consultation with the Events Sub-Committee Chair, who are holding Jubilee Events to invite them to apply for a figure from the fund.
- iv. The Town Clerk's office, in consultation with the Events Sub-Committee Chair, is delegated to award funds up to the maximum amount stipulated for each group, and up to the maximum pot amount put aside, on receipt of an appropriate request for an event taking place to celebrate the Jubilee on the Bank Holiday Weekend.

7. WHITE RIBBON ACCREDITATION

The item is deferred to next meeting for update from the Meeting Chair.

8. CCTV IN THE TOWN CENTRE

The item is deferred to next meeting for update from the Meeting Chair.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 ChALC – SPEEDING ISSUES CONSULTATION UPDATE [DEFERRED FROM THE LAST COMMITTEE MEETING]

It was noted that a response had not yet been received by the Meeting Clerk following earlier enquiry relating to expected costs to participate in the pilot scheme.

During discussion concern was expressed regarding speed surveys not yet undertaken and it was agreed that, via the Town Mayor, PCC John Dwyer will be invited to a future Town Council meeting. Any information to assist in co-ordinating an agenda to be sent directly to the Mayor.

Item deferred to next meeting.

9.2 LOCAL HIGH STREET

A presentation was received from "Local High Street" representatives to detail their new scheme for Sandbach, due to be launched towards the end of March. Members were advised of various towns currently signing up to the service and received details of the benefits, cost implications and funding in place.

An invitation to present to full Council, ahead of the April meeting, is extended to the Local High Street team.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Wildflowers Project (Cllr Hoffmann)

Friends Groups for Sandbach Parks (Cllr Hoffmann)

Diversity and Inclusion Training (Cllr Price Jones)

Youth Survey for leisure provision (Cllr Flavell)

Town Ward Accessibility review (Cllrs Nevitt and Broad)

ChALC Speeding Pilot Scheme (Assistant Town Clerk)
White Ribbon Accreditation (Cllr L Crane)
CCTV Town Centre (Cllr L Crane)

11. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Community & Environment Committee Meeting is to be confirmed.

Meeting Closed at 8.32pm

Cllr K Flavell, Committee Member in the Chair

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