

SANDBACH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Sandbach Town Council held on 2019 at 7.00pm at Sandbach Literary Institution.

PRESENT

Councillors: M Muldoon (Mayor)
G Price Jones (Deputy Mayor)
I Williams
S Kirkham
K Flavell
P Eaton
D Jack
K Seymour
J Beddows
G Merry
S Broad
L Crane

There were no members of the public or press in attendance.

This meeting was called under Standing Order No. 6 by Cllrs Jack and Kirkham.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: Lea
R Hovey
R Hoffmann
S Crane
S Corcoran

Absent without apologies

Cllrs: Ashcombe-Hurt
J Belsham

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. LAMP POST POPPIES

Members Item: Cllr D Jack

During 2018, many councils throughout the Country ran a Poppy Sponsorship Initiative, which enabled individuals and businesses to sponsor a poppy for a specified amount, following which a Poppy was then fixed to a lamp-post within the local area. Reference was made to Holmes Chapel and Middlewich and how well dressed they were.

Last year, Sandbach poppies were organised by a private individual, who is unable to repeat the exercise for 2019; therefore Sandbach Town Council is asked to consider running the initiative.

The cost of 200 poppies is £500; it is proposed that sponsorship is sold for £7.50 per poppy which would also mark the 75 year D Day anniversary. To enable the poppies to be re-used, they will not be marked with the sponsor's name, however the names of all sponsors will be available via a dedicated web/social media page.

Installation would be undertaken by the Cheshire and United Servicemen, Round Table and other volunteers, who would also be responsible for taking the poppies down and placing into storage for future re-use.

It was confirmed that permission to place on lamp-posts would need to be obtained from CEC, that where possible twine, instead of plastic cable ties would be used and that posters may be given to businesses who support the scheme for display.

Unanimously **RESOLVED:**

That Sandbach Town Council approves the expenditure of £500 for the purchase of 200 street lamppost poppies supplied by the British legion and that a mechanism is put in place to allow residents and businesses to sponsor such poppies at a minimum of £7.50 each to mark the 75 years since D day.

4. COMMUNITY PLACED ACCESSIBLE DEFIBRILATORS (CPAD)

Members Item: Cllr D Jack

CPADs are devices that assist in the case of a Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA). SCAs occur about 140,000 per year in the UK; the faster the response the better chance of survival. Having CPADs should be as common as working fire extinguishers; they should be very accessible at all times.

A survey of the town has been undertaken, with several potential locations being identified for additional CPADs. There are issues with some of the locations, due to them being on or adjacent to listed buildings, not being sufficiently obvious or not being in areas of heavy footfall. Possible locations were discussed.

Questions were answered in relation to the maintenance of the devices, how and when they need to be serviced, how to use and what happens when they have been used.

Unanimously **RESOLVED:**

That Sandbach Town Council makes available up to £2,500 from general reserves for the purchase and installation of two CPADs at locations to be determined.

5. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Town Council Meeting will be on Thursday 15 August 2019 at 7.00pm in the Sandbach Literary Institution.

Please note that this meeting will be recorded and the audio recording made available to the public within 5 working days of the meeting.

Meeting closed 7.28pm

Cllr M Muldoon, Town Mayor

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