

SANDBACH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held at 7.00pm on Thursday, 21 November 2019 at the Sandbach Literary Institution, Hightown.

PRESENT Councillors: D Jack (Vice Chair, in the Chair)
 M Muldoon (Town Mayor)
 R Hoffmann
 G Merry
 M Lea
 S Broad
 L Crane
 G Price Jones

Also present were 6 members of the public and press.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors: K Flavell

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The meeting was adjourned to allow questions from members of the public in attendance. There being no questions, the meeting was immediately reconvened.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held 9 October 2019 are approved as a true record.

4. YOUTH ENGAGEMENT WORKING GROUP

Lead: Cllr Crane

Cllr Crane provided a verbal update on the working group, confirming that the first meeting had taken place and terms of reference agreed. A further meeting will take place in the new year, with schools and youth groups invited to attend. In due course an update report will be provided for this committee.

5. HANGING BASKETS

Lead: Cllr Jack

Following audit of the hanging baskets earlier in the year, alternate pricing for summer and winter planter provision had been compiled by Cllr Jack and is to be reported to Council for debate and discussion. As these costs will exclude filling and maintaining cauldrons and troughs, public engagement would be encouraged via a festival of colour together with additional events and activities. All options and proposals will be confirmed within the full report to Council.

6. WW2 – VE DAY

Lead: Cllr Jack

Cllr Jack advised Members that good progress is being made for the activities. Response from Armed Force Regiments will be received as and when deployment timetables are issued, and availability of exhibitor and community groups is awaited. A report will be made available once further information is received.

7. TIDY TOWN SUB-COMMITTEE

Lead: Asst. Town Clerk

The Assistant Town Clerk (ATC) provided an update on the status of Tidy Town group and the requirement to progress scheduling a first meeting. In line with Members preference, the ATC will circulate dates to the five Councillor group members, and the Town Ranger, for January 2020 and, once the date is confirmed, will extend an invitation to all groups and organisations involved with the previous working group.

8. 2018 TRANSPORT FESTIVAL

Lead: Cllr Price Jones

An initial report from SpareParts had been circulated with the agenda. Cllr Price Jones advised that a second report is due over coming days, which will provide clarification of the data, and will be presented to the January Community and Environment Meeting. The report specified that visitor numbers increased for 2019 event and that Council's investment was met by over £40,000 of in-kind benefit from other groups and organisations to enhance the event. With a significant variety of activities, the event appeals to all age groups and therefore benefits all of the Community.

9. DATE/TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held Thursday, 16 January 2020 at 7pm in the Sandbach Literary Institution.

Meeting closed 7.13pm

Cllr D Jack, Vice Chair, in the Chair.

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