



AYLESBURY
TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Communities Committee held on
Tuesday 8 February 2022, in the Council Chamber, Aylesbury Town Hall,
5 Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP at 7pm**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7.00 pm.

In the Chair: Cllr Tim Dixon

Present: S Bateman P Koya
A Morgan D Summers
D Thompson G Wadhwa
M Willis

Officers: Ms Ruth Mayhew (Senior Communities Officer, Committee Clerk)
Mrs Judith Priest (Deputy Town Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence

To receive and accept apologies of absence from Town Councillors.

Resolved: To accept apologies from Cllr N Mehta (illness)

2. Declarations of interest

At this point, no declarations of interest were raised.

3. Minutes

Resolved - the committee unanimously agreed to accept and sign the minutes of 9 November, 2021 as a true record.

4. Matters arising

The Senior Communities Officer informed councillors that the Street Party Tool Kit has already received 616 link clicks from our website.

The Sunday Open mic events are in hand, with a meeting scheduled to confirm dates, location and process.

The Chairman suspended the Standing Orders at 7:03pm to allow questions from the public and any reports from the councillors.

A presentation was received from J Fitzgerald and M Fuller from Pride in Aylesbury CIC, who requested the support of ATC to facilitate Pride in the Park taking place on Monday 29 August 2022.

An extensive and probing discussion took place, with councillors determining the full nature of the request and viability of the event. With consideration given to cost implications to ATC, funding streams from the CIC, event structure and layout, legal obligations and the required timings to achieve a successful event.

At 7:21 it was acknowledged that all councillors have a pecuniary interest in item 5, as the external applicant stated in the papers submitted that funding would be sought from Conservative and Lib Dem political parties. Dispensation was granted to all councillors for the discussion to proceed and decision to be made.

The Chairman resumed the Standing Orders at 7:47pm

5. Pride in Aylesbury

To discuss and consider the proposal submitted by Pride in Aylesbury to host Pride in the Park as an extension day of the Parklife Weekend on August Bank Holiday Monday.

Cllr Thompson proposed and Cllr Summers seconded to support in principle, the Pride in the Park event to take place on Monday 29 August as an extension of the existing Parklife Weekend. On the condition that all relevant paperwork be provided in the time frame specified by ATC. To include the submission of CIC constitution, confirmation of the agreed and available funding to the CIC, by 1 June.

Resolved: The committee unanimously agreed to the above proposal.

Any funding requests to ATC need to be submitted to full council, as this would fall outside of the communities committee's current remit.

7:49 Cllr Morgan left the room

7:50 Cllr Morgan returned

7:54 Public left the meeting

6. General update

Senior Communities Officer updated on the details of new structure within the communities team. Cllr Dixon, thanked the new Deputy Town Clerk for her long and diligent service to the Communities Committee and congratulated on her new role, in these difficult times.

St George's Day Parade and Walking Play budgets raised no questions from the committee.

The event disability provision is currently under review by officers, with a number of service to be introduced and revised including a quiet area at all events, with suitable sensory toys; improvements to signage and information both in advance and at the

event; and signing up to the Attitude is Everything, Live Events Access Charter which is funded by Arts Council England, with the aim to achieve the Bronze, Silver, Gold then Platinum accreditations. Councillors did not raise any concerns and praised the officers for this development of the events program.

7. Parklife Weekend update

Senior Communities Officer provided an update on the bands selected to perform at Live in the Park. Councillors did not raise any concerns.

Senior Communities Officer provided an update on the process agreed with XYZ Music on the format for the Battle of the Bands and how this will form a method of event sponsorship. Councillors did not raise any concerns.

Senior Communities Officer requested that councillors provide the details of any catering facilities that they feel should be able to apply for a pitch at the events.

Senior Communities Officer provided an update on the price increase for the provision of the staging and infrastructure. Councillors were informed that the Town Clerk has advised that the funds for this should be allocated from the underspend from the 21/22 events budget. Councillors did not raise any concerns.

8. Purchase of event equipment

Cllr Summers proposed and Cllr Morgan seconded to approve the purchase of the equipment requested by officers, as detailed in the supplied briefing paper.

Resolved: The committee unanimously agreed to the above proposal.

9. Festival of Light

Councillors reviewed the event evaluation submitted by the event organisers. Cllrs Summers provided further positive feedback from members of the public. Councillors did not raise any concerns.

10. Summer hanging baskets

Councillors discussed the proposed increase in the rate charged to local businesses for the summer hanging baskets to cover the increasing costs, as detailed in the supplied briefing paper.

Cllr Willis proposed and Cllr Summers seconded to agree the proposed price increase.

Resolved: The committee unanimously agreed to the above proposal.

11. Visual stories at events

Councillors considered the proposed options available to improve the pre-event experience for visitors with sensory disorders, with the creation of material that can be used for the next 3 - 4 years.

Cllr Dixon proposed and Cllr Thompson seconded to produce two versions of the visual stories. Firstly, a 2d design created in house, and secondly to commission the production of a video format, using the underspend from the 21/22 events budget.

Resolved: The committee unanimously agreed to the above proposal.

12. Budget

The committee reviewed the current budgetary position to December 2021 (month 9).
Councillors did not raise any concerns.

13. Next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 5 April 2022 at 7pm

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting closed at 8:31pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Chairman