



AYLESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON
9 NOVEMBER 2021, AT 7pm, COUNCIL CHAMBER,
TOWN HALL, 5 CHURCH STREET, AYLESBURY

Present: Cllr T Dixon (Chairman)
Cllr S Bateman
Cllr P Koya
Cllr S Lambert (substituting for Cllr M Willis)
Cllr N Mehta
Cllr A Morgan

Officers in attendance: Judith Priest, Senior Communities Officer

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Cllr Dixon

1. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED: To receive and unanimously accept apologies for absence from Cllr M Willis (work commitment), Cllr D Summers (sickness), Cllr D Thompson (sickness), Cllr G Wadhwa (prior commitment)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr S Bateman declared an interest in agenda item 7.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 29 SEPTEMBER 2021

To receive and agree the above minutes as a true record.

RESOLVED: The committee unanimously agreed to accept and sign the Minutes of 28 September as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

The Senior Communities Officer updated on upcoming Festival of Lights events, which is supported by the Council and taking place on Saturday 13 November between 12-5pm at Discover Bucks Museum.

XYZ Music have agreed to run a "Battle of the Bands" in the Kids Ent Tent at Parklife Weekend 2022 in the evening. The winner of the battle will play at Live in the Park 2023.

The Chairman suspended the Standing Orders at 7:02pm to allow questions from the public and any reports from the councillors.

There was no public in attendance

Cllr S Bateman asked that should the committee agree to proceed with “Music in the Town” that councillors would help with setting up the gazebo on the day, by setting up a rota.

The chairman resumed Standing Orders at 7:05pm

5. EVENTS 2021

The committee received a verbal update on Festive Family Fun (FFF) and Carolfest (CF) 2021, which will no longer take place, to minimise the COVID-19 infection risk two weeks prior to Christmas.

Money already spent on suppliers is being rolled over to next year’s event.

Sponsors have agreed that the sponsorship money can be held on to for 2022 FFF and CF

Bucks Radio will be launching the Toy Box Appeal soon and should they require assistance with collection, counting and sorting, councillors may be contacted and asked for help.

At the end of November an “Artist Call Out” will be launched, which gives local artists and bands two weeks to submit videos with an opportunity to perform at Live in the Park 2022.

The new Events Officer, Siobhan Collins, will start work on 23 November 2021.

6. ROLLING EVENT 2022

The committee discussed the proposed rolling event 2022 in conjunction with the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.

Cllr P Koya proposed, Cllr S Bateman seconded to agree the proposed rolling event for 2022 and that residents can apply to “*Win an Entertainer Hour*” for their local Queen’s Jubilee street party.

RESOLVED: The committee unanimously agreed to the above proposal.

Cllr S Bateman left the room at 7:14pm

7. MUSIC IN THE TOWN

The committee discussed the proposal to run Open Mic events in the town centre between May to September.

Cllr S Lambert proposed and Cllr A Morgan seconded for the council to run Open Mic events in the town centre, in conjunction with Mr S Aldridge between May to September 2022 at a budget of £800.

RESOLVED: The committee unanimously agreed to the above proposal.

Cllr S Bateman returned to the meeting at 7:21pm

8. COMMUNITIES BUDGET 2022-23

Councillors noted the proposed communities' budget for 2022-23, which will be discussed by the Finance committee as part of the overall council budget.

9. PURCHASE OF NEW EVENT GAZEBOS

Councillors reviewed the quote received for replacement gazebos and replacement covers.

Cllr A Morgan proposed and Cllr N Mehta seconded that the replacement gazebos and covers should be purchased at the cost of £1,800+VAT.

RESOLVED: The committee unanimously agreed to the above proposal.

10. AYLESBURY IN BLOOM 2022

The committee considered the annual Aylesbury in Bloom competition and for the competition to take place again in 2022.

Cllr P Koya proposed and Cllr N Mehta seconded for the Aylesbury in Bloom Garden competition to go ahead in 2022 and for up to £2,000 of the communities' budget code 4610 to be used to organise and run the competition.

RESOLVED: The committee unanimously agreed to the above proposal.

11. BUDGET

The committee reviewed the current budgetary position to September 2021 (month 6).

Councillors asked about the overspend on budget code 4607 Heritage Open Days. The Senior Communities Officer explained that a grant had been received from Buckinghamshire Council for entertainers as part of the re-opening Project Grant but that the council had to pay for the entertainers first before the money would be refunded by Buckinghamshire Council. The grant has now been received and this should reflect in the October budget monitoring report and should show that there is no overspend on the budget line.

No recommendations are to be taken to full council.

12. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The meeting on Tuesday 7 December has been cancelled.

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 8 February 2022 at 7pm.

13. RESERVED ITEMS

RESOLVED: A motion was passed that under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 (section 2) (and as extended by section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information.

14. PRINTING OF AYLESBURY TOWN MATTERS 2022

The committee reviewed and discussed in length the quotes received for the printing of four issues of Aylesbury Town Matters magazine in 2022.

Cllr N Mehta proposed and Cllr Bateman seconded that the printing of the next four issues of Aylesbury Town Matters 2022 to be awarded to Bluepepper Designs at the cost outlined in their proposal.

RESOLVED: The committee unanimously agreed to the above proposal.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:51pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Chairman