



AYLESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE HELD THROUGH THE ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING SYSTEM ON TUESDAY 13 APRIL 2021

Present: Cllr T Dixon (Chairman)
Cllr A Christensen
Cllr R Lloyd
Cllr S Morgan
Cllr M Smith (substituting for Cllr M Willis)
Cllr D Summers

Officer in attendance: Judith Priest (Senior Communities Officer), Ruth Mayhew (Events Officer)

The meeting was called to order at 7.00pm by Cllr Dixon

1. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED: To receive and unanimously accept apologies for absence from Cllr M Willis (work commitment), Cllr C Adams (family commitment)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations received.

Cllr S Morgan joined the meeting at 7.01pm

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 09 FEBRUARY 2021

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

RESOLVED: The committee agreed to accept and sign the Minutes of 13 April 2021 as a true record with a vote of 3 for and 2 abstentions.

4. MATTERS ARISING

The Senior Communities Officer advised that the Keyworker Duck Trail Commemorative books have been printed and distributed to all winners and nominees.

The Senior Communities Officer advised that the Aylesbury in Bloom annual garden competition will be going ahead but that some changes have been made in the school category and how the competition will be judged to ensure COVID-19 safety.

Cllrs asked if they can be provided with information flyers about the competition so they can pass these on to residents in their wards.

The Chairman suspended the Standing Orders at 7.04pm to allow questions from the public and any reports from the Councillors.

There being no questions from the public or reports from the Councillors. The chairman resumed the Standing Orders at 7.04pm

5. AYLESBURY ON SEA

The committee discussed if Aylesbury on Sea 2021 should be going ahead, given how close the event date is to the last indicative date of the Government's roadmap out of lockdown.

Cllr Dixon proposed and Cllr Summers seconded, for Aylesbury on Sea 2021 to be cancelled.

RESOLVED: The committee unanimously agreed for the Aylesbury on Sea community event to be cancelled for 2021.

6. PARKLIFE WEEKEND

The Senior Communities Officer gave an extensive overview of the current steps of the government's roadmap out of lockdown and the restrictions that are in place for event organisers at each of those steps. This also included what effect a potential delay to any of the indicative dates the government has given, would mean for event organisers.

The Senior Communities Officer also included other points that will need to be considered by the Council when deciding and what impact any potential future restrictions or requirements, which are yet unknown, would have on Parklife Weekend.

Cllr R Lloyd joined the meeting at 7.15pm

The committee discussed the matter extensively, including the possibility of cancelling the event at this stage as well as delaying the decision to a later date, when more information may be available from the government.

RESOLVED: The committee unanimously agreed not to cancel Parklife weekend 2021 at this moment in time.

Councillors discussed when a decision should be made and by whom.

Cllr Christensen proposed and Cllr Summers seconded, that a decision should be delegated to the Town Clerk in liaison with relevant councillors and event officers.

RESOLVED: The committee unanimously agreed to delegate the decision to the Town Clerk, in conversation with relevant event officers and councillors, to make the final decision to either cancel or continue with the event, by 21 May 2021.

Should the decision be made for the event to go ahead the committee discussed other operational matters such as changes to the Family Entertainment area, the provisionally booked headliner and how decisions about the car and catering suppliers will be made.

Cllr Christensen proposed and Cllr Lloyd seconded, to delegate powers to the Town Clerk and relevant officers for making a final decision on bar and catering allocations based on the proposed allocation numbers.

RESOLVED: The committee unanimously agreed to delegate powers to the Town Clerk and relevant officers for making a final decision on bar and catering suppliers based on 4 bars, 4 savoury catering stalls and 2 sweet catering stalls being allocated.

Cllr Dixon proposed and Cllr Smith seconded, to make changes to the Family Entertainment area and to have just 1 fun fair ride and a kids entertainment tent.

RESOLVED: The committee unanimously agreed to make changes to the family entertainment area, to enable large numbers of people to be entertained in this area and have only 1 fun fair ride and a kids entertainment tent.

Cllr Dixon proposed and Cllr Lloyd seconded for the provisionally booked headline act, which is based on feedback received from the public after the 2019 event, to be confirmed should Live in the Park be going ahead in 2021.

RESOLVED: The committee unanimously agreed on the provisionally booked headline act, which is based on the feedback received from the public after the 2019 event, to be confirmed, should Live in the Park be going ahead in 2021.

7. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY UPDATE

The Senior Communities Officer gave a verbal update on the dementia friendly work carried in the last year by Communities Officer Benedicta Lasoye.

Councillors thanked Benedicta Lasoye for all her work.

8. BUDGET

The committee reviewed the current budgetary position to February 2021 (month 11).

No recommendations are to be taken to full council.

9. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next planned meeting is on Tuesday 8 June 2021 at 7pm

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:09pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Date: _____