

**Minutes of the 55th Meeting of the Community Services Committee held on
7th January 2020 at the Rufus Centre**

Present: Cllr J Dann (Vice-Chairman)
Cllrs D Toinko P Earles A Lutley (Sub)

In attendance: Amenities Officer 2 Residents

Apologies Received: Cllrs K Badham J Blakeman M Platt

No Apologies Received: Cllr Coleman

Open Forum

Two residents attended the meeting to discuss the licence they had previously been granted to metal detect on land at Maulden Road. Mr Mundy advised Members that the three month licence had now expired and he and his son were hoping for an extension to continue metal detecting the land. Mr Mundy showed Members the findings so far and the locations they were detected. He explained that the weather had been against them during the 3 months and expressed that they were both very keen to be able to continue.

646 To note any Declarations of Interest relating to items on the agenda

There were none.

647 To Accept Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted.

648 Chairman's Announcements

There were none.

649 Action Log / Town Clerk's Report

Cllr Dann asked why the actions from the Youth Hub Forum meeting were not on the action log. The Amenities Officer apologised these had been missed and would include them on next month's log. Cllr Toinko advised that the meeting with Rachel Mould to discuss the wildflowers project unfortunately did not go ahead.

Action: Amenities Officer

650 Play Areas/Open Space

a) To consider a request for metal detecting

Members discussed the request and the possibility of allocating specific areas to each licensee however after further discussion it was agreed that the land was large enough to grant a further licence without allocating areas. Members agreed that a three month license should be granted providing the same insurance cover is in place and assurances are given as apply to the existing licensee. These can be presented to the Amenities Officer without the need for them to attend a Committee meeting.

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It was **Recommended** that a 3 month licence be granted providing the resident supplies copies of the relevant insurance documents. Vote: All in favour.

b) To consider an extension of time to the current licence for metal detecting

Members discussed the request and were happy to extend until September.

It was **Recommended** that the current licence be extended until 31st September 2020. Vote: All in favour

c) General

There were no items.

651 Grounds Services and Flitwick Manor Park

a) To receive an oral report from the Grounds Team Supervisor

There was nothing to report.

652 Burial Ground Update

a) To note the space left in the current burial ground

The Amenities Officer advised there were currently 14 burial plots, 26 vaults and 23 garden of remembrance plots.

653 Community & Events

a) To receive report from the Community Services Officer

- (i) Members noted the report. As agreed at the previous Community Services meeting Ampthill Town Council were approached to see if the Town Council could join the working party for VE Day. Unfortunately, this was not feasible at this stage as plans were already tied down. Due to the large scale event Ampthill were holding which meant that many of the uniformed organisations would already be involved in this, Members agreed to hold a service at either the War Memorial or the Church with refreshments afterwards. Members also discussed giving a donation towards Ampthill Town Council to support the event and to advertise on their behalf in Flitwick Papers and Facebook.

It was **Recommended** that a service be held at either the War Memorial or Church with refreshments afterwards and giving a donation to support Ampthill Town Council's event. Vote: All in favour.

- (ii) Concerns had been raised by the Community Services Officer with regards to the amount of staff needed to work on the day of the Carnival. At the present time there was not enough staff to cover both the setting up of the field and co-ordinate the parade. Members were presented with options going forward. As agreed previously if fewer than 8 entries were received for the parade it would not go ahead this year. Members agreed that all potential organisations entering the parade be contacted to see if they would be taking part and to

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bring the information back to the next Community Services meeting for consideration and decisions going forward.

Action: Community Services Officer

b) To consider Music Festival proposals

Members discussed the proposals considering concerns raised by the Rufus Centre Manager however Members felt that providing the noise management policy was adhered to there would be no problem. Members felt that option 1 was too much of a risk to the Town council in terms of expenditure. Members decided that option 2 would be more suitable and with the current tickets sales of the garage night selling particularly well this type of event proved to be popular.

It was **Recommended** that option 2, 'Back to da Old Skool' Music Festival proposal be accepted. Vote: 3 in favour, 1 abstention.

c) General

There were no items.

654 To consider a late grant request from Respite at Home

Members discussed the request. It was agreed that £75 would be awarded to Respite at Home.

It was **Recommended** that £75.00 be awarded to Respite at Home. Vote: All in favour.

655 Questions

There were none.

Confidential Section

In accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act), the public and press be excluded for Items 14 and 15 in view of the confidential nature of the information to be discussed relating to financial and contractual negotiations and questions.

656 To note the Community Services Budget

This was received and noted.

657 Millennium Park Playground Update

The Amenities Officer gave an update on the Millennium Park Playground.

658 Questions

There were none.

Meeting finished at 8.57pm

Signed.....
Chairman