



Minutes of the Meeting of the Amenities & Services Committee
4.00 PM 5th July 2022 at Saxmundham at the Town House

Councillors: Cllr. T. Lock (Chair) Cllr. D. Eastman Cllr. C. Hawkins
 Cllr. E. Clark Cllr. J. Sandbach

Also Present:

K. Forster (Clerk) A. Raynor (Environmental Co-ordinator) J. Palmer (Town Development Co-ordinator)

01/22AS Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence. Cllr. Sandbach was not present.

02/22AS Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary Interests

None declared.

03/22AS Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: It was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting 25th April 2022.

04/22AS Report from the Environmental Co-ordinator

A. Raynor reported the following:

- Working parties would be working on the station planting 12th & 19th July and then fortnightly thereafter.
- Generally, the watering schedule was working well although 3 trees had been lost.
- A request had come for benches on Fromas Green however this land belongs to the District Council.
- Pots outside the Market Hall need replacement.
- Decisions needed on the bulbs to be planted. It was agreed that there is a budget currently at £3,788 in the Saxmundham in Bloom and therefore she was asked to provide an estimate on bulbs/plants and replacement pots for the next meeting.
- Based on several complaints about Fromus Green and other areas, Amy would like to meet with Cllr James Mallender of East Suffolk District council to discuss the policy on management of verges.
- Amy asked if it were possible to contact the fair and ask if they could come at the end of July.

05/22AS Update on Weekly and Monthly Markets

J. Palmer reported on the Monthly markets:

- There was good feedback from the stall holders and the public
- She will present the financial figures at the next meeting
- The Markets are themed, and they are trying to not compete with the local shops
- They are publicising markets way in the future as stall holders plan months ahead.

Regarding the Weekly markets:

- Disappointing number of stall holders – currently 2 potentially 3. There is little footfall
- Would like to try holding the Wednesday meeting in Fromus Square.

It was unanimously RESOLVED to ask for permission from ESDC who own the land and to try the markets in Fromus Square.

06/22AS Memorial Field

Two quotations for the work on the Memorial Field had been received. Cllr. Lock had produced a paper to be put to Full Council outlining the project, timescale and costs.

Cllr. Clark was concerned about the references of one of the Contractors and asked that this supplier was contacted again to provide a more appropriate referee with a more similar project.

It was unanimously RESOLVED to support this paper to go to Full Council.

07/22AS Memorial Trail

Cllr. Lock reported that all the research had been completed and there was now text on each soldier. Work is now to be arranged with Herringbone Design to incorporate into the website and get it ready to go by end of August.

08/22AS Talking Benches

This initiative was to provide free benches although they would also quote to site and provide the bases. After discussion, it was agreed that three new benches would be asked for. One to be sited on Fromus Green, if permission was given. The other two would be sited in the Memorial Field outside the youth booth and on the picnic circle.

09/22AS Replacement Speed Camera

The speed camera in Rendham Road is unrepairable. **It was unanimously RESOLVED to replace this camera and it was suggested that the budget for this would be Street Furniture. The Clerk to confirm.**

The meeting finished at 5.00 pm

K. Forster

Clerk