

SANDHURST TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held in the Kitty Dancy Room, Sandhurst Community Hall Complex on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at 7.45 p.m. ending at 8.17 p.m.**

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**PRESENT: Councillors Mrs C Cupper (Chairman), N Allen, Mrs J Bettison, R Blair, M Brossard, R Edger, Mrs D Pidgeon, G Ramsey, A Ronca, D Worrall.**

**APOLOGIES: A Blatchford, N Bowers, Mrs A Shephard, R Simonds.**

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35. Announcement. The Chairman announced that the order of business would be as stated in the Committee procedures document. **NOTED.**
36. Declarations of Interest. Members were reminded to declare interests in agenda items wherever relevant. **NOTED.**
37. Minutes. The minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2007 were agreed by the Committee as a true record with the following amendments as noted at Full Council.

Apologies Cllr Simonds  
Minute 30(c) piece of land  
Minute 30(k) lights  
Minute 32(a) Sylvia.

38. Matters Arising for Information Only.

- (a) Minute 30(b) Network Rail. The Chairman informed the Committee that there was disappointment expressed by a number of people over the appearance of the replacement boundary fencing, to Sandhurst's Halt Station, erected by Network Rail. Some background detail was given on the discussions between the Town Council representatives and Network Rail representatives.

After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Chairman would check the position on whether Network Rail had fulfilled their commitment. A process of negotiation would then take place with the operator, which would include completion of the fencing past the sub station. **ACTION.**

At the same time the Chairman would establish the position with regards to replacement of the handrail to the station entrance. **ACTION.**

It was **NOTED** that all costs relating to the works were being borne by Network Rail.

- (b) Minute 30(c) Land in front of Rackstraw Public House. It was NOTED that the bulb planting would be carried out during the planting season. **ACTION.**
- (c) Minute 30(d) Roadshows. The Executive Officer gave a briefing to the Committee on the meeting earlier in the day with the Meadows Centre Manager on the subject of using the Atrium at the Meadows for a Community promotion event. Cllr Mrs Cupper confirmed that the meeting had been successful and the opportunities offered were very positive.

The following points had been offered and were being considered:

- (i) To use the Atrium for a Community Event to be held on a Thursday in April 2008. Depending on the success then it could be a regular feature.

The objective and purpose of the Event(s) would be to promote Community life in Sandhurst and for information to be available relating to Town Council services and opportunities to find out more about Clubs and organisations in Sandhurst.

- (ii) Banners and gazebos could be erected in the Atrium. Areas of use had been discussed.
- (iii) Logistical arrangements, e.g. offloading and car parking would be accommodated.
- (iv) Appropriate storage for exhibition material could be provided if the event was over 2 days.
- (v) Use of power and electrical displays could be discussed.
- (vi) Trolley buggy advertising could be discussed.

A set of terms and conditions had been provided and would be considered prior to proceeding. **ACTION.**

It was agreed that the Communications Working Group should now consider how to proceed. **ACTION.**

- (d) Minute 30(g) Remembrance Sunday. Cllr Mrs Pidgeon gave an update on the debriefing exercise. It was agreed to meet again after the Precept Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2008. **ACTION.**
- (e) Minute 31(v) Community Transport. Cllr Mrs Bettison informed the Committee that she would be seeing Fred Rule (Keep Mobile) next week and would discuss the proposal for a Full Council presentation. **ACTION.**
- (f) Minute 32(a) Fairtrade Town.

The Chairman agreed to check whether the letter to Mrs Trevis had been sent. **ACTION.**

- (g) Minute 33(a) Freecycle. The Chairman informed the Committee that she had corresponded with Peter North on the subject of freecycle. Mr North had conveyed the difficulties with engaging with the organisation but provided a great deal of information on his knowledge on the concept.

It was agreed to put the initiative on hold at present but to revisit the idea of unwanted items being advertised on the internet at a later date. **NOTED.**

- (h) Minute 31(a) Budgets 2008/2009.

The Executive Officer tabled the Draft Environment Committee Budget. It was noted that items had been the subject of discussion in previous meetings.

It was unanimously agreed that the Draft Budget as tabled be received by the Strategy & Policy Committee for consideration. **ACTION.**

#### 39. Correspondence.

- (a) A letter had been received from Bracknell Forest Borough Council informing the Town Council of the proposal to proceed with the installation of a Puffin Crossing at the junction of Branksome Hill Road and Yorktown Road.

This was considered very good news and Cllr Edger was thanked for his involvement in bringing the long awaited outcome to fruition. **NOTED.**

40. Councillors Reports.

The Chairman referred to her recent meeting with the Manager of the Waitrose Store in Sandhurst.

In the discussion the subject of the problems with car parking had been raised. Waitrose staff were parking in side streets, thus causing inconvenience to local residents.

The Chairman informed the Committee that if complaints were received then to let the Manager know. **ACTION.**

At the same time efforts were being made to provide an additional recycling area on the Waitrose site. It was noted that this should be in addition to the recycling bins currently at The Jolly Farmer Public House. **ACTION.**

41. Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2008 in the Kitty Dancy Room.