

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday 30 April 2019 at 7.00pm in Arlesey Village Hall

Present: **Cllrs:** C Livermore (Chairman), C Ferris
 R Clark R McGann
 S Hamilton M Holloway
 S Sarll J Randall
 J Wallace A Ward

In attendance: Mrs J Bailey - Town Clerk, Mrs C Winwood – Admin Assistant and Nicola King (Aragon Housing/Arlesey Youth), Unitary Cllrs I Dalgarno, R Wenham, D Shelvey and 2 members of the public.

19/01 Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr J Want and D Page.

19/02 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 May 2018 - To consider and approve minutes of the Annual Town meeting held 8th May 2018.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual Town meeting held 8th May 2018 be approved as a true record of meeting and be signed by the Chair.

19/03 Report – Arlesey Youth Development

Nicola King Youth & Community officer had been unable to attend.

19/04 Annual Report - Town Council Chairman & Mayor: Cllr Livermore read the Chairman's report for the year 2018/19.

Key points to note:

- Traffic and Planning had dominated Council workload 2018/19.
- 1st development had begun.
- Arlesey Town Council continued to press Central Bedfordshire Council for the correct order of development delivery.
- Extensive cleaning and refurbishment of the war memorial had been carried out 2018/19.
- Memorial copse had been created in phase 2 of Town Council cemetery.
- Arlesey Events Group had hosted many successful events throughout year.
- S137 grants had been granted to:
 SMB
 St Peters
 Mid Beds Citizens Advice
 ACORN
- MUGA refurbishment project had been completed with funding secured from Football Foundation, Eileen Alexander Legacy Fund, S106 contributions from CBC and Town Council funds.
- Council had purchased Christmas lights for trees at front of Community Centre and provided solar powered decorations for a selection of streetlights on High Street.
- Staffing changes had taken place throughout the year as noted in annual report.

In closing the Chair thanked current councillors for their work during past 4year term.

19/05 Ward Councillors – Open Forum

- Cllr Wenham confirmed that discussions regarding delivery of relief road continued and no public announcements made to date
- Cllr Wenham had represented East of England at London Open Plan previously, which was conducted in a style of informality with speakers sat facing inspectors, Councillors, QC and legal team had all been present, to answer questions.
- All public are welcome to attend Draft Local Plan examination – no participation is permitted unless permission to speak has been requested prior to examination.
- Rural Match Fund application for traffic calming in Stotfold Road and Hitchin Road areas outcome not yet known.

Cllr Dalgarno gave a presentation on areas within which he is a portfolio holder.

Regional Coastal Flooding Committee

Community Services -Leisure delivery over last four years include:

Pendleton Centre opened
Sports centre at Flitwick
Houghton Regis Leisure Centre refurbishment
New café in Houghton Regis

Upcoming schedule of works:

Saxon Pool upgrade scheduled
Dunstable Leisure Centre opening soon

Leisure Services Strategy consultation forms legal planning document to secure s106 agreements: potential for the following:

- With over 600 football teams on Northern edge of Central Bedfordshire: Beds FA have plans to deliver new grass pitches, 3G artificial pitches and stadia.
- CBC Libraries service computer system enhancements scheduled (to include Arlesey)
- Library Theatre
- Relocating customer service centres into libraries
- New books and classes.
- Dunstable new library opening May 2019 attached to leisure centre.

Highways

- An additional £18 million was spent in addition to £100 million spent over last 5 years.
- Footways program continues
- CBC selected to test new kinetic and solar energy collection from footpaths to store and use heat to keep pavements ice free.
- 2 new Highways depots at Dunstable and Sandy
- 46k gulleys surveyed and strategic maintenance program initiated. This will assist maintain 2nd year of program to analyse risk of blockage and required maintenance rate.
- Regional flooding group engaged for flooding in Stotfold
- CBC Gypsy and Traveller project being led by Cllr Dalgarno.
9 million from CBC reserves allocated to Billington to resolve an ongoing issue.
High Court injunction secured to prevent named individuals from setting up camp in Central Bedfordshire
- Waste customer consultation had been held tendering for new contract tidy tips to be redesigned and rebuilt.

19/06 Other matters relating to Arlesey - Open Forum

No matters were raised.

Meeting Closed: 7.35pm

Chairman:.....

Date: