



FARNHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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Notes Community Enhancement Working Group

Time and date

9.30 am on Thursday 3rd March, 2022

Place

Council Chamber - Farnham Town Hall

Attendees:

Members: Councillors Sally Dickson (Lead Member), Paula Dunsmore, Alan Earwaker (ex-Officio), George Hesse and Michaela Martin

Officers: Iain McCready (Business and Facilities Manager) and Stacey Wills (Community Enhancement and Projects Officer)

1. Apologies For Absence

POINTS	ACTION
Apologies were received by Cllr Wicks and the Town Clerk.	

2. Disclosure of Interest

POINTS	ACTION
There were no disclosures of interest.	

3. Notes of the last meeting

POINTS	ACTION
The notes of the last Community Enhancement Working Group meeting held on the 25 th November 2021 were agreed	

4. Farnham In Bloom

POINTS	ACTION
Officers updated members on upcoming dates and projects for 2022 including the Farnham in Bloom launch and the tree planting day with schools and community groups. Members noted the Bloomin' Community	

<p>Fair and combined litter pick on Saturday 26th March.</p> <p>Officers announced that Farnham in Bloom had been chosen as finalists in RHS Britain in Bloom representing the South East in the Large Town category and was also entered into five categories for South and South East in Bloom (Large Town, Town Centre, West Street Cemetery, Badshot Lea Cemetery and Gostrey Meadow.) - 2022 would be a very busy year.</p> <p>The Working Group noted Local community groups and school projects would be highlighted in the entry such as Farnham Heath End School's gardening club where officers were running five horticultural workshops from March to June to improve their courtyard garden. Making sure the garden was accessible to all and increasing biodiversity with plant choice and the addition of bug hotels were the main objectives.</p>	
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5. Allotments

POINTS	ACTION
<p>Officers explained that there were 37 payments outstanding but that reminder letters had gone out to them. This year, there had been a change in when the tenancy starts so the bills that were sent in January and would run until September. This would mean that the tenancy period aligns with the growing season.</p> <p>Members confirmed that there was no update from Waverley regarding the Weybourne Road allotments.</p>	

6. Street Furniture

POINTS	ACTION
<p>Officers confirmed that there were no requests for new items however members had requested a new litter bin for the yard near Robert Dyas from Waverley Borough Council.</p> <p>Officers advised members that the new youth shelter had already had graffiti on it and would be cleaned just before the official opening.</p> <p>Members noted the bus stop cleaning that had taken place in January and suggested that this was promoted on social media.</p> <p>Members requested new railing banners and suggested a green background colour. The issue of the condition of the railing banners would be raised with SCC by members.</p>	<p>New railing banners to be purchased for the summer.</p>

7. Trees

POINTS	ACTION
<p>Members noted the 40 trees that were being planted at Riverside for the community and schools on a special tree planting day for the Queen's Green Canopy.</p> <p>In addition, there were 100 whips to be grown on in the nursery and 415 feathers to be planted out in the cemeteries and green spaces. These trees had been given by SCC and were part of the Urban Tree Challenge Fund</p>	

and Farnham Town Council had agreed to water and manage these trees for 3 years.

Cllr Hesse raised the issue of the space outside Martin's Garage (Cron dall Lane/West Street) and asked if some improvements to this could be made with trees or planters. As this is thought to be privately owned, Cllr Hesse to enquire who owns the land.

Cllr Dunsmore had also requested that trees be planted at the Rowledge and Wrecclesham Recreation Grounds. It was noted that additional trees had been planted in the UCA to extend the current avenue of cherry trees.

Cllr Hesse

8. Farnham Biodiversity Action Plan

POINTS	ACTION
Officers updated members on the Farnham Biodiversity Action Plan.	

9. Date of the next meeting

POINTS	ACTION
The date of the next Community Enhancement Working Group meeting is to be held on the 9 th June 2022.	

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