

**Minutes of the meeting of the COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE held  
in the Committee Room at Eskdale Community Centre  
on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7.30pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs D Field (Chair), D Wilmer, C Jenkins, and L Prestage.  
 Clerk: None Absent: None  
 Assistant: Mr Peter Rayner Residents: None

<b>C24/12</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b> – Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Ezra and Wood.	
	<b>OPEN FORUM FOR PARISHIONERS</b> No points were raised	
<b>C24/13</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION</b> None.	
<b>C24/14</b>	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b> a) The minutes of the meeting of the Communities Committee held on the 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 were unanimously <b>AGREED</b> as a true record and were signed by the Chairman. b) The action plan was reviewed and would be updated accordingly.	
<b>C24/15</b>	<b>PLAY RANGER SESSIONS</b> A meeting was held with Milton Keynes Play Association, and it was decided to book 4 sessions. Three would be 2-hour sessions aimed at primary school children and one is a 3-hour teen/pre-teen session. There will be 2 sessions at Eskdale Road and 2 at Hawkslade. If it rains, they are able to set up inside. Eskdale Road and Hawkslade community centres have been booked in case it rains and MKPA will have bouncy castles and other play equipment they can set up inside if required.	Asst Clerk
<b>C24/16</b>	<b>SUMMER COMMUNITY EVENT</b> Cllr Field provided an update on progress with planning the event and made the following points in addition to what was reported at the January meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There will be a dance floor in front of the stage</li> <li>• A marquee for the crafts has been booked.</li> <li>• Live music acts are:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A 6-piece band</li> <li>○ 3 x solo artists</li> <li>○ 30-piece rock choir</li> </ul> </li> <li>• An SEN children’s signing group will be working with the rock choir to agree some songs they can sign to.</li> <li>• A quiet zone is planned.</li> <li>• An ice cream van is booked</li> <li>• The Sea Scouts are not sure if they want to run a food stall. If they don’t the school PTA are interested in running one.</li> <li>• 14 craft people are booked.</li> <li>• Planned timings are from 12:00 to 20:00. We will need to consider how late we need car parking marshals.</li> <li>• St John’s Ambulance need to be booked</li> <li>• Ask SMVCA if they will allow tables from the hall to be taken outside.</li> </ul>	Cllr Field
<b>C24/17</b>	<b>D DAY 80 CELEBRATIONS</b> a) Cllr Jenkins provided an update on progress with planning the event and made the following points in addition to what was reported at the January meeting:	



## Action List

Date	Minute	Description	By Whom	Status
12/05/22	C22/18	Work with Buckinghamshire Council to get yellow lines on corners in Hampden Road. <b>Update</b> – Will be included with the Carters Ride consultation in April 2024.	Clerk	In progress
14/03/23	C23/17	Replace the footpath map on the Eskdale Road Community Centre but not until it is clear what the post HS2 situation is.	Asst Clerk	On hold
9/05/23	C23/37	Continue to work with Chiltern Railways and The Chiltern Society to rewild and tidy up the station approach green space. Update 9-Jan, funding from Chiltern Railways agreed and planting planned for Friday 26-Jan. 4 volunteers identified to help with ongoing maintenance. Meeting with Aylesbury volunteer group planned for 11-Jan to discuss formal station adoption by the volunteers. Area where suckers have grown is to be left until Chiltern Railways sort out the problem.	Asst Clerk	In progress
14/11/23	C23/79	Source 3 conifer trees 2 x 5ft and 1 x 8ft Update 9-Jan, 5ft and 8ft rooted trees have proved hard to obtain. One 3 ft tree has been planted and another small one will be planted.	Cllr Field	In progress
14/11/23	C23/80	Get quotes for repair of small and large cracks as per the specification provided by Alexander Associates.	Asst Clerk	In progress
14/11/23	C23/82	Contact British Legion to see if they can provide a ceremony at a D-Day event.	Cllr Jenkins	In progress
09/01/24	C24/01	Obtain quotes for supply and installation of an Oxford Teak 6ft bench with carving.	Asst Clerk	Completed
09/01/24	C24/02	Obtain quotes for supply and installation of a rope and post fence at Brudenell Drive.	Asst Clerk	Completed
09/01/24	C24/03	Add request to increase play ranger budget from £1,500 to £3,000 to Full Council agenda	Clerk	Completed
09/01/24	C24/04	Investigate Community Board match funding for play ranger sessions.	Clerk	
09/01/24	C24/05	Book play ranger sessions and arrange a visit from the MKPA representative once budget agreed.	Asst Clerk	
09/01/24	C24/06	Write to Arriva and redline regarding 130 and 300 bus routes once Risborough Road is closed to traffic.	Asst Clerk	