

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council Local Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 07 June 2021 at 6.00pm in the Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed

PRESENT:

Councillors:	A Bowlas (in the Chair until item 3)	A Gibson
	R Bruce (in the Chair from item 4 onwards)	M Greener
	J Bowden	H Lindsay
	C Bruce	C Raybould
	A Forbes	G Smith
	R Driver	A Williams

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Gareth Davies, Town Clerk
Steve Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk
Cty Cllr G Hill
Cty Cllr I Hunter
2 members of the public

LS001/21 1. OPEN SESSION

There were no contributions by members of the public present.

LS002/21 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs G Brown and L Stephenson.

LS003/21 3. ELECTION OF CHAIR

On the motion of Cllr A Gibson, seconded by Cllr C Bruce, the Committee **RESOLVED** that Cllr R Bruce be appointed Chair of the Local Services Committee for the year 2021/2022.

The Chairman took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

LS004/21

4. ELECTION OF A VICE-CHAIR.

On the motion of Cllr G Smith, seconded by Cllr M Greener, the Committee **RESOLVED** that Cllr C Bruce be appointed Vice-Chair of the Local Services Committee for the year 2021/2022.

LS005/21

5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

On the motion of Cllr M Greener, seconded by Cllr C Raybould, the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 12 April 2021 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

LS006/21

6. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interests.

LS007/21

7. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

There were no requests for dispensation.

LS008/21

8. ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEERS

An update was received by Cllr L Stephenson on continued litter picks.

LS009/21

9. ISSUES REPORTED SINCE LAST MEETING

An update was provided by Officers on issues reported since the last meeting and Councillors provided feedback on the format of the report for future meetings.

LS010/21

10. FUTURE OF THE SLA

A discussion took place regarding the Service Level Agreement and Councillors raised areas of concern around the town which would be collated and brought to a future meeting of Council. After which, it was noted that the Town Clerk would meet with partners to discuss the issues raised.

LS011/21

11. TREES

The Town Clerk introduced the item, after which it was **RESOLVED** that Councillors would provide feedback to Officers for the planting of trees.

LS012/21

12. BUS SHELTERS

Having considered the quote provided, and after the Assistant to the Clerk had provided an update, the committee unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the proposed works.

LS013/21

13. BENCHES

- i. Councillors provided a Officers with a way forward for benches detailed in a background paper, and the Committee agreed that Councillors provide feedback for benches in their wards.
- ii. The Committee unanimously **REOLVED** to relocate an existing bench to the coastal footpath and further **RESOLVED** that options for new benches at the Tweedmouth end of the Royal Tweed Bridge be brought forward.

LS014/21

14. DOG FOULING

Cllr C Raybould introduced the item and during the discussion Standing Orders were suspended sufficiently to allow Cty Cllr G Hill to speak. After which, the Committee **RESOLVED** to instruct the Town Clerk to engage with Northumberland County Council and prepare a press release in time for the next meeting of this Committee. It was also noted that Councillors would provide feedback on areas that were of a particular concern.

LS015/21

15. MARYGATE

The Committee considered the request and the need to liaise with partners as well as the need for the scrutiny of the brackets. After which the Committee unanimously **RESOLVED** that a report be brought to a future meeting.

LS016/21

16. FIVE ARCHES PARK, TWEEDMOUTH

The Town Clerk introduced the item and during the discussion Standing Orders were suspended sufficiently to allow Cty Cllr G Hill to speak.

At this point, on the motion of Cllr C Raybould, seconded by Cllr J Bowden, it was **RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Orders sufficiently to allow the meeting to continue beyond the hour of eight pm.

After which, the Committee unanimously **RESOLVED** that a report be brought to a future meeting of Council.

LS017/21

17. ALLOTMENTS

The Committee unanimously **RESOLVED** to note the update of the Town Clerk, including that a previous decision of Council to relocate an existing allotment site would be re-investigated.

LS018/21

18. LITTER BIN

The Committee unanimously **RESOLVED** to instruct Officers to contact another Parish Council for feedback regarding seagull-proof litter bins, and further **RESOLVED** that quotes be brought to a future meeting of Council.

LS019/21

19. FORWARD PLAN

It was **RESOLVED** to note the Forward Plan.

LS020/21

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting would be Monday, 05 July 2021 at 6.00 pm.