

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council Local Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 05 July 2021 at 6.00pm in the Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed

PRESENT:

Councillors:	M Greener (Chair)	A Forbes
	A Bowlas	A Gibson
	J Bowden	G Smith
	G Brown	L Stephenson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Gareth Davies, Town Clerk
Steve Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk
Cty Cllr G Hill
Cty Cllr C Seymore
Paul Taylor, Kompan
1 member of the public

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, on the motion of Cllr A Forbes, seconded by Cllr L Stephenson, the Committee **RESOLVED** that Cllr M Greener take the Chair for the meeting.

LS021/21 1. OPEN SESSION

Paul Taylor of Kompan gave a presentation regarding outdoor exercise equipment, and answered questions from councillors and members of the public.

LS022/21 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs C Bruce, R Bruce, R Driver, H Lindsay, C Raybould and A Williams.

LS023/21

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

On the motion of Cllr A Forbes, seconded by Cllr J Bowden, the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 07 June 2021 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

LS024/21

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interests.

LS025/21

5. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

There were no requests for dispensation.

LS026/21

6. ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEERS

An update was received by Cllr L Stephenson on continued litter picks which included information on an U3A litter pick. There was also an update on 2 books written by Raine Bryant.

After which, the Committee **REOLVED** to instruct the Town Clerk to explore and commission high quality social media as a way of saying ‘thank you’ to all those involved.

LS027/21

7. ISSUES REPORTED SINCE LAST MEETING

The Town Clerk provided an update on an incident at one of the Play Parks. The Assistant to the Clerk updated the meeting on the situation regarding Spittal Splash Park.

LS028/21

8. BENCHES

A discussion took place regarding the way forward for the locating of benches at the Tweedmouth end of the Royal Tweed Bridge. After which, on the motion of Cllr A Forbes, seconded by Cllr A Gibson, the Committee **RESOLVED** to instruct officers to arrange for the relocating of 2 lesser-used serpent benches.

LS029/21

9. DOG FOULING

The Town Clerk introduced the item, and, during the discussion, Standing Orders were suspended sufficiently to allow Cllr G Hill and a member of the public to speak. After which, on the motion of Cllr A Forbes, seconded by Cllr L Stephenson, the Committee **RESOLVED** to approve the press release, circulated as a background paper, which would be edited to suit the type of media used for publication.

LS030/21

10. MARYGATE

A discussion took place regarding Marygate in Councillors provided feedback and Standing Orders were suspended sufficiently to allow Cty Cllr G Hill and a member of the public to speak. After which, on the motion of Cllr G Brown, seconded by A Forbes, the Committee **RESOLVED** that Officers take a more activist approach with partners and that a report be brought to the next meeting of Council to which the Chamber of Trade should be invited.

LS031/21

11. WATER BOWSER

On the motion of Cllr A Forbes, seconded by Cllr G Smith, the Committee **RESOLVED** to approve the quote supplied by Fresh Group and circulated as a background paper.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to suspend standing orders sufficiently to allow the meeting to continue beyond the 8pm deadline.

LS032/21

12. TOWN COUNCIL NOTICE BOARDS

After the Assistant to the Clerk had introduced the item, the Committee unanimously **RESOLVED** that replacement front panels be purchased as necessary.

LS033/21

13. BUS SHELTERS

An update was provided by the Assistant to the Clerk on recent emergency work to a bus shelter and repairs that were still required. After which the Committee unanimously **RESOLVED** to note the update and to instruct Officers to check for warranty details.

LS034/21

14. SPRINGDALE PLAY PARK

The Town Clerk reported that there had been no reports of anti-social behaviour at Springdale Play Park.

LS035/21

15. GROVE GARDENS SOUTH PLAY PARK

The Committee **RESOLVED** to note the update that the play equipment, located at the NCC depot, could now be reinstalled.

LS036/21

16. FORWARD PLAN

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

LS037/21

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday, 03 August 2021 at 6.00 pm.