

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council Local Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 03 August 2021 at 6.00pm in the Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed

PRESENT:

Councillors:	R Bruce (Chair)	C Bruce
	J Bowden	A Gibson
	A Bowlas	M Greener
	G Brown	L Stephenson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Gareth Davies, Town Clerk
Steve Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk
Cty Cllr C Seymour (from Item 10 onwards)
0 members of the public

LS038/21

1. OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

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2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr G Smith

LS040/21

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

On the motion of Cllr A Gibson, seconded by Cllr M Greener, the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 05 July 2021 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

LS041/21

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interests.

LS042/21

5. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

There were no requests for dispensation.

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6. ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEERS

An update was received by Cllr L Stephenson on continued litter picks which included concerns regarding comments on Facebook and information on Greenses Haven, Pier Road and Five Arches. Further concerns and updates included broken glass in a number of locations and continuing issues around the Spa Well at Spittal.

LS044/21

7. ISSUES REPORTED SINCE LAST MEETING

Updates were received from Officers regarding the Spittal Splash Park and Flagstaff Park. The cabinet at the Spittal Splash Park was discussed and it was noted that a report would be brought to a future meeting of Council.

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8. BRITAIN IN BLOOM

Cllr C Bruce provided feedback on the recent judging for the Britain in Bloom awards including the route taken and the sites visited. Positive feedback had been received with results not being known until September.

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9. PROVISION OF BINS

The Town Clerk introduced the item, after which it was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Council that the Town Council introduces a policy for the provision of bins which will include the opportunity of co-funding/sponsorship via open dialogue with the Chamber of Trade.

LS047/21

10. SEAGULLS

A discussion took place regarding an on-line petition with a general feeling that a starting point to deal with the issues of seagulls is street cleaning and the removal of food sources (i.e. food waste). After which, the Committee unanimously **RESOLVED** to instruct the Town Clerk to prepare a statement for the Town Council website and Social Media.

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11. TOWN CENTRE WORKING GROUP

The Group met to discuss Town Centre issues which were separated into the short-term, medium-term and long-term. The notes would be circulated as soon as possible, and these would be brought to a future meeting of Council.

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12. FLORAL DISPLAYS – HANGING BASKETS

The Committee unanimously **RESOLVED** to recommend to Council that Officers research further the replacement of all the existing hanging baskets with ones that utilise reservoirs.

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13. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence had been received from the Berwick Civic Society regarding a lane within the town and who bears responsibility.

The Committee unanimously **RESOLVED** to instruct the Town Clerk to liaise with Northumberland County Council regarding responsibility and to enquire with them, if there are any heritage possibilities.

LS051/21

14. FORWARD PLAN

The Town Clerk updated the meeting on future additions to the Forward Plan including a project for the siting of a tourist telescope and street furniture located at Queen's Gardens.

After which, it was **RESOLVED** to note the Forward Plan.

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15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Monday, 06 September 2021 at 6.00 pm.