

**BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Town Council Local Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 06 September 2021 at 6.00pm in the Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed**

**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr Gareth Davies, Town Clerk  
Steve Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk  
Cllr P Jackson  
Cty Cllr I Hunter  
0 members of the public

**LS053/21**

**1. OPEN SESSION**

Cllrs G Smith raised issues and concerns with the Town Walls near the Scots Gate and the disabled toilet at Castlegate Car Park.

**LS054/21**

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A Bowlas and G Brown.

**LS055/21**

**3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

On the motion of Cllr C Bruce, seconded by Cllr M Greener, the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 03 August 2021 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

**LS056/21**

**4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

There were no disclosures of interests.

**LS057/21**

**5. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION**

There were no requests for dispensation.

**LS058/21**

**6. ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEERS**

An update was received by Cllr L Stephenson on continued litter picks by all the groups with new volunteers joining and the public getting involved.

Raine Bryant will be taking more of a back seat with the Spittal group, which will have a new leader. The update also included news of an event on the 25 September happening along the coastline whilst there are concerns with finding glass at Five Arches.

**LS059/21**

**7. ISSUES REPORTED SINCE LAST MEETING**

Updates were received from Officers regarding the play parks at Highcliffe, Osborne Place and Flagstaff Park. After which the Committee unanimously **RESOLVED** that the missing swings at Grove Gardens South be added to the report.

**LS060/21**

**8. PLAY PARKS**

- i. On the motion of Cllr C Bruce, seconded by Cllr G Smith, the Committee **RESOLVED** that a consultation take place with neighbouring properties to seek their view on the painting of the fence at Springdale Play Park.
- ii. The Town Clerk introduced the item and, during the discussion Standing Orders were suspended sufficiently to allow Cllr P Jackson to speak. After which the Committee **RESOLVED** that the play park inspections continue to be monitored and further **RESOLVED** that a report be brought to the October meeting of Council.

**LS061/21**

**9. SPITTAL SPLASH PARK**

The Committee unanimously **RESOLVED** that quotes be obtained and brought to the next meeting of Council for:

An RCD, a surge protector, a lightning protector and a suitable cabinet which should include the removal of the current installation.

**LS062/21**

**10. HIGHCLIFFE SKATE PARK**

The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to Council the removal of the items mentioned in the correspondence.

**LS063/21**

**11. LITTER BINS**

- i. During the discussion Standing Orders were suspended sufficiently to allow Cllr P Jackson to speak, after which the Committee **RESOLVED** that quotes be brought to the next meeting of Council for general litter bins and solar panel litter bins.
- ii. The Committee **RESOLVED** that the remaining bins be installed at Cow Road in Spittal and Prior View in Tweedmouth.

**LS064/21**

**12. STREET FURNITURE AT QUEEN'S GARDENS**

The former West End Residents Association was responsible for 6 benches and 3 tables with fixed seating at Queen's Gardens, the Riverside Walk and locations around the West End.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to council that Berwick Town Council adopts all street furniture that was the responsibility of West End Residents Association.

**LS065/21**

**13. FORWARD PLAN**

The Chair requested that an update on the Jimmy Strength Project be added to the People and Communities agenda at its next meeting.

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

**LS066/21**

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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