

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council Local Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 07 November 2022 at 6.00pm in The Meeting Room, Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Council Office, Unit 1, 82 – 88 Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed

PRESENT:

Councillors:	R Bruce (Chair)	J Robertson
	J Bowden	G Smith
	G Brown	L Stephenson
	M Greener	

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Gareth Davies, Town Clerk
Steve Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk
Cty Cllr G Hill
Cty Cllr C Seymour
0 members of the public

LS065/22

1. OPEN SESSION

Cllr M Greener raised issues with the War Memorials at Castlegate and Spittal to which the Town Clerk provided a response.

LS066/22

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

LS067/22

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

On the motion of Cllr G Smith, seconded by Cllr M Greener, the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 03 October 2022 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

LS068/22

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

- i. There were no disclosures of interests.
- ii. There were no requests for dispensation.

LS069/22

5. ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEERS

Cllr L Stephenson provided updates including that she has been in contact with litter picking groups. Greenses Haven are on top of the situation as are Five Arches, however, the latter has been in contact with Northumbria Police regarding Anti-Social behaviour.

The U3A group are still concerned with rubbish on the southbound side of the A1 near Morrisons.

Spittal beach has seen a lot of litter washed up from the river and there is an issue of dead wildlife both here and at the harbour which is reported to the relevant authorities.

LS070/22

6. ISSUES REPORTED SINCE LAST MEETING

Bus shelters at Ord Road and North Road were reported as having missing panels and the idea of a bus shelter for Tweedmouth Main Street opposite ASDA was raised.

A bench for the Tweedmouth end of the Royal Tweed Bridge was raised as were the picnic tables at Spittal, the latter of which would be added to list of jobs for the Town Wardens.

LS071/22

7. PESTICIDE-FREE TOWNS

The Committee unanimously **RESOLVED**:

- a) That we formally require our staff, and contractors, not to use pesticides or insecticides on our property, and
- b) That we build support within the town for the whole of the town to become pesticide and insecticides free.

LS072/22

8. LITTER BINS

- i. The Committee unanimously **RESOLVED** that the 'worse-for-wear' bins on the Town Walls should be replaced, and
- ii. The locations where litter bins have been requested or where litter bins are repeatedly reported as full should be investigated to see if there are any issues.

LS073/22

9. PLAY PARKS

- i. The Town Clerk introduced the background paper regarding accessibility of play parks, after which, the Committee unanimously **RESOLVED** to note the update.

- ii. The Committee unanimously **RESOLVED** to recommend to Council that there is no more spending on new play parks until an external audit is undertaken.

LS074/22

10. FIVE ARCHES PARK

Cllr R Bruce read out a letter sent to him by Friends of Five Arches regarding anti-social behaviour. The discussion that took place included the idea of the police working with detached youth workers regarding substance issues.

After which, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to instruct the Town Clerk to liaise with Northumberland County Council and the Youth Project to see if they have any further information on the issue discussed.

LS075/22

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Monday, 05 December 2022 at 6.00 pm.

Committee RESOLVED that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it was appropriate to exclude the media and public from the discussion of the following items of business on the basis that public discussion might prejudice the Council's position and staffing or personal issues might be discussed.

LS076/22

12. NEW PLAY PARK PROPOSAL

The Committee unanimously **RESOLVED** to instruct the Town Clerk to liaise with the provider to move the proposal forward.