

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council Local Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 06 February 2023 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)	G Smith
	J Bowden	L Stephenson
	G Brown	J Turton
	M Greener	

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Gareth Davies, Town Clerk
Steve Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk
Cty Cllr I Hunter
1 member of the public

LS088/22 1. OPEN SESSION

There were no representations by members of the public present.

LS089/22 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Robertson

LS090/22 3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

On the motion of Cllr M Greener, seconded by Cllr L Stephenson, the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 05 December 2022 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

LS091/22 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

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

LS092/22 5. ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEERS

Cllr L Stephenson provided updates including that the current situation with litter picking is quite at the moment, the area round Homebase is not too bad for litter and there has been less anti-social behaviour at Five Arches.

The Fishing Shiel has now been sold and the contents cleared by the Wardens. There is still wood debris on Spittal beach and the Little Beach litter picking group has a new organiser who are considering visiting Spittal beach as well. The U3A group are reporting that there is less rubbish on the A1 whilst there is also less rubbish at Halidon Hill.

The Town Clerk raised the idea that as part of the Coronation of the new Monarch there could be tidy up / litter picking events as part of an environmental project and Members agreed that this would be brought back to the next meeting for discussion.

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6. DAMAGE TO BENCH

The Town Clerk introduced the item and reported that Northumbria Police are investigating CCTV and carrying out work relating to anti-social behaviour whilst the cost of repairs to the bench is estimated to be around £100.

The Mayor reported that he is aware of where the item originated from that was used to damage the bench and this could be locked away, after which, Members agreed that the Town Clerk would liaise with the police officer in charge of the investigation.

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7. PESTICIDE-FREE TOWN

Members considered a quote distributed as a background paper, whilst the Town Clerk reported that there is £750 in the communications budget. After which, the Committee unanimously **RESOLVED**:

1. To approve the quote for stick-on leaflets promoting Berwick as a "Pesticide-Free Town",
2. That Officers liaise with the Chair regarding materials to use and design, and
3. That the Town Clerk liaise with Northumberland County Council and Bernicia to re-confirm Bernicia as a pesticide free town.

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8. LITTER BINS

The Assistant to the Clerk introduced the item and, after a discussion the Committee **RESOLVED**:

1. That the litter bin from in front of the Spittal Community First School be relocated to the alleyway that runs between the school and St John's Church,

2. To instruct Officers to investigate an alternative solution to the request for a litter bin on Cow Road,
3. To instruct Officers to liaise with Northumberland County Council's enforcement team to potential issues with the footpath that runs from Castlegate to High Greens, and
4. That 3 spare litter bins be purchased subject to budget availability.

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9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Monday, 06 March 2023 at 6.00 pm.