

**BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Town Council Local Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 05 December 2022 at 6.00pm in The Meeting Room, Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Council Office, Unit 1, 82 – 88 Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed**

**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**LS077/22**

**1. OPEN SESSION**

There were no members of the public present.

**LS078/22**

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr G Smith

**LS079/22**

**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, 07 November 2022 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

**LS080/22**

**4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

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

**LS081/22**

## **5. ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEERS**

Cllr L Stephenson provided updates including that she has been in contact with all of the groups who are still litter picking.

Greenses Haven group have also been to Spittal, there is less anti-social behaviour at Five Arches and Spittal beach has seen an influx of wood debris.

Litter picking is also happening around Tweedbank Retail Park and Askew Crescent and there are a number of individual volunteers out and about.

A trolley is to be collected from the Fishing Shiel and stored at the Town Council depot.

The Town Clerk reported there is an issue with unpleasant smelling bins which could be a problem with trade waste, the Wardens have been asked to investigate. The idea of warning stickers on bins was put forward by Members and the Town Clerk would give more consideration to the issue of trade waste / waste bins.

**LS082/22**

## **6. ISSUES REPORTED SINCE LAST MEETING**

The Assistant to the Clerk updated the meeting that the planter at Spittal Play Area has been painted and a bench relocated to the Tweedmouth end of the Royal Tweed Bridge.

Members reported that the benches at Spittal Point need attention as do the picnic tables at Spittal Play Area, and requested that the Wardens investigate the possibility of uplifting those items so they can be refurbished at the depot.

The slide at Spittal Play Park was discussed with regard to the need for steps, and this has been investigated by Officers. Issues were also raised with the nest swing and bracket on the disabled swing.

**LS083/22**

## **7. HOPPA BUS**

Members expressed concern including those expressed from the residents of the West End, that the service was not fulfilling its original purpose and that as the service mergers with others it is not as unique as when it first started.

Therefore there is a question mark as to why the Town Council subsidises the service.

The Town Clerk would work with Officers of Northumberland County Council (NCC) in time for the budget setting process.

**LS084/22**

**8. HIGHCLIFFE PLAY AREA**

A request for seating and a picnic table in the Highcliffe Play Park area had been received. Officers will investigate options which could include the possibility of a perching bench.

**LS085/22**

**9. LITTER BINS**

A request had been received for a litter bin at Highcliffe shop. Officers will ask NCC for their opinion and investigate.

The issues of replacing litter bins on the Town Walls was raised and the Assistant to the Clerk would check on the quantity of litter bins at the NCC depot.

**LS086/22**

**10. BENCH**

Members unanimously **RESOLVED** that another quote should be sort and further **RESOLVED** that if this is in the same price region as the quote provided then the original quote should be accepted.

**LS087/22**

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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