

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council Local Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 06 March 2023 at 6.00pm in The Meeting Room, Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Council Office, Unit 1, 82 – 88 Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed

PRESENT:

Councillors:	J Bowden (Chair)	G Smith
	M Greener	L Stephenson
	J Robertson	J Turton

IN ATTENDANCE:

Steve Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk

Julian Smith, Projects Officer

Cty Cllr C Seymour

1 member of the public

LS097/22 1. OPEN SESSION

There were no contributions by members of the public present.

LS098/22 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs R Bruce and G Brown.

LS099/22 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, 06 February 2023 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

LS100/22 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

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

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5. ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEERS

Cllr L Stephenson reported that she had been in contact with local groups and restocked, where needed, with gloves and pickers from the Council supply. She further reported that there was no consensus on a project to mark the Coronation in the groups she had met with. Members directed officers to reach out to the other environmental groups in the town to discover if any plans have been made. Members identified the area of woodland on Shielfield Terrace, opposite Old Shielfield as a potential site for a Coronation project and directed officers to ascertain the ownership of the land.

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6. COMMUNITY GARDENING SCHEME

On the motion of Cllr M Greener, seconded by Cllr J Robertson, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to direct officers to begin work on finding funding for three community gardening schemes intended to deliver pocket parks in three areas of town.

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7. NEWFIELDS PAVILION

On the motion of Cllr M Greener, seconded by Cllr J Robertson, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to instruct the Town Clerk to complete and Asset of Community Value registration form to secure the property's immediate future and that officers arrange a site visit for interested members. It was further **RESOLVED** that officers create and distribute a questionnaire to local residents to gather views on the future of the pavilion.

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8. NOTICE BOARD

Members noted the report and unanimously directed officers to replace the lock mechanism if possible or alternatively replace the entire notice board and contact the litter picking group that uses the board to ask them to take responsibility for the board's upkeep in the future.

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9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Monday, 03 April 2023 at 6.00 pm.