

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council Local Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 03 April 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)	J Robertson
	J Bowden	L Stephenson
	G Brown	J Turton
	M Greener	
	R Mackenzie	

IN ATTENDANCE:

Steve Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk
Julian Smith, Projects Officer
Cty Cllr G Hill

LS106/22

1. OPEN SESSION

Cllr J Robertson requested an update report on the status of the Hopper Bus Service. The Committee directed officers to present a report at an upcoming Council meeting. Cllr R Bruce directed that a report on repairs to the Ord Drive bus shelters be presented to the next Local Services Committee meeting.

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2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Smith

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3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

On the motion of Cllr Robertson, seconded by Cllr Bowden, the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 06 March 2023 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

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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 gave a verbal update on local environmental groups. She noted that groups had not yet made any plans to join in “The Big Help Out” to celebrate the Coronation weekend. Following on from the previous meeting, the Project Officer noted that the strip of land on the east of Shielfield Terrace which contains trees is owned by Northumberland County Council (NCC). The Committee unanimously **RESOLVED** to direct the Town Clerk to write to NCC regarding their plans to clear litter from this area.

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6. ALLOTMENTS

The Committee noted the report from the Assistant to the Town Clerk. The Committee requested clarification on the possibility raised in the report that the wardens use a surrendered allotment as a nursery for 2024 bedding plants.

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7. TOWN CENTRE PLANTING 2023

The Committee noted the report on town centre planting. They requested costings for the planned planting and members instructed to officers to prepare a report on the feasibility of making the hanging basket display self-funding in 2024. They further instructed officers to prepare a report on the installation of a further 7 tree planters in town.

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8. DAMAGE TO BANK HILL HAND-RAIL

Members noted the verbal report on the measures taken after the handrail damage was brought to the officers’ attention.

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9. DAMAGE TO BENCH

Officers reported that the Police had checked CCTV and could not ascertain the culprits who had damaged the Spittal pavilion bench. Members noted the report and further directed officers to repaint the Spittal Splash Park “snake” bench in bright colours as befitting a playpark.

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10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday, 02 May 2023 at 6.00 pm.