

## **BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Town Council Environment and Regeneration Committee Meeting held on Monday, 12 November 2012 at 6.00 pm at The Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed**

### **PRESENT:**

Councillors: J Robertson (Chair)  
B Douglas  
A Bowlas  
I Dixon  
I Hunter  
C Routledge  
A Reid  
F Simpson  
J Waterhouse

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

S Finch, Town Clerk  
R Leetham, Finance Officer  
S Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk  
3 members of the public

#### **ER047/12 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been accepted from: Councillors J Smith (alternative meeting).

#### **ER048/12 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2012 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

#### **ER049/12 3. STATEMENTS BY THE PUBLIC**

A local resident enquired as to when work on the Jubilee Garden would be undertaken. The Clerk advised that Rose Arches has been ordered and that now the new planting season had arrived plants would also be ordered.

#### **ER050/12 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Councillor B Douglas declared a personal interest in Item 8 (Parking in Marygate);  
Councillor I Hunter declared a personal interest in Item 9 (Windfarm Policy);  
Councillor J Robertson declared a personal interest in Item 8 (Parking in Marygate);  
Councillor J Waterhouse declared a personal interest in Item 8 (Parking in Marygate).

**ER051/12**

#### **5. SPITTAL SPLASH PARK**

At a recent meeting between the project manager, contractors and Northumberland County Council the issue of maintenance was discussed. Members agreed that the Town Council would meet the cost of any maintenance work required. Northumberland County Council is currently still working to complete the Service Level Agreement which should be finalised within the next couple of weeks. Once complete the process of transferring the Splash Park to the Town Council can begin.

**ER052/12**

#### **6. RELOCATION OF SURPLUS BUS SHELTER**

The manager of Morrison's has been contacted for his views on the bus shelter being placed at the bus stop adjacent to their land. He agreed in principle although had concerns about the land / shrubs behind the bus stop and would like more details.

**RESOLVED: (i) Members agreed to the placing of the shelter at the bus stop at Morrison's; and (ii) That Morrison's should be asked for a donation towards cost's (this would not impact however on the bus shelter being placed).**

**ER053/12**

#### **7. ADVERTISING ON LITTER BINS**

Members discussed the possibilities of allowing advertising on litter bins; the proviso being that any new litter bin would be purchased by the advertiser

**RESOLVED: Members concluded not to move forward with this project.**

**ER054/12**

#### **8. PARKING IN MARYGATE**

The previously distributed report 'Parking in Marygate' containing a diagram showing possible sites for restored parking in Marygate was discussed along with any potential working group instigated by Northumberland County Council.

**RESOLVED: (i) To support any proposals for short-term parking to be restored to Marygate; and (ii) That the Town Council should be represented on any Northumberland County Council Working Group for further**

**discussion.**

**ER055/12**

**9. WINDFARM POLICY**

Members considered the correspondence from Northumberland and Newcastle Society regarding their approach to wind energy applications in Northumberland.

**RESOLVED: To wait for the consultation process due to be undertaken by Northumberland County Council and respond to this accordingly.**

**ER056/12**

**10. BUDGET 2013-14**

**RESOLVED: To agree the draft budget proposals for Environment and Regeneration for 2013-14.**

**ER057/12**

**11. SUMMARY REPORTS ON ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION ISSUES**

A paper summarising current areas of work had been tabled for members' information. Members noted the work programme.

**ER058/12**

**12. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

None had been received.

**ER059/12**

**13. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

No invitations had been received.

**ER060/12**

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held on Monday 14 January 2013 at 6.00pm.