

## BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Town Council Environment and Regeneration Committee Meeting held on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 6.30 pm at The Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed**

### **PRESENT:**

Councillors:     A Bowlas  
                      I Dixon  
                      M McNeely  
                      J Robertson                 (In the Chair for Item 2 onwards)  
                      C Routledge  
                      J Waterhouse                 (In the Chair for Item 1)

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

S Cozens, Assistant to the Town Clerk  
Stephen Rickitt, Principal Solicitor (Property, Environment & Procurement), Northumberland County Council  
Ten members of the public.

**ER001/10**

#### **1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLVED: That Councillor J Robertson be appointed Chairman of the Environment and Regeneration Committee for the year 2010/2011.**

The Chairman took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

**ER002/10**

#### **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor F Simpson.

**ER003/10**

#### **3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLVED: That Councillor C Routledge be appointed Vice Chairman of the Environment and Regeneration Committee for the year 2010/2011.**

**ER004/10**

#### **4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2010 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

**Matters Arising:**

- Parking in Marygate has been raised with Northumberland County Council. Members who served as County Councillors were showing support.
- Main access from Morrison's roundabout to Sea View in Newfields. Northumberland County Council have been working on this issue.
- Signage off the A1 into Berwick and coach parking signage to be completed in next fortnight.
- Long-stay parking in Castlegate will hopefully be raised at the next North Area Planning Committee Meeting.
- Further complaints had been received over the height of the kerb in Brucegate. Steve Cozens to make enquiries with Planning Enforcement and report back to the next meeting.
- Item 11 - Hackney Carriage Consultation. Northumberland County Council had been asked to provide a presentation but as yet have not responded.
- Item 7 - Berwick Markets. Northumberland County Council are trying to pass control to Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Council. The meeting agreed more investment is needed, also a meeting is to be scheduled on this issue.

**ER005/10****5. STATEMENTS BY THE PUBLIC**

The issue of markets that fall under the jurisdiction of other Town Councils was raised and the possibility of much higher precept; the need for care was noted.

The use of herbicide on the New Road was raised. The meeting noted this and mentioned this was an item later on the agenda.

**ER006/10****6. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Councillor I Dixon declared a personal interest in Item 11 (Making Good in the Community).

**ER007/10****7. MANAGING COMMON LAND AND VILLAGE GREENS**

Stephen Rickitt, Principal Solicitor (Property, Environment & Procurement), Northumberland County Council, spoke on the subject of management of common land and village greens. Stephen Rickett briefed the meeting on a Scheme of Management system which would allow village greens to be looked after locally with no reference to Northumberland County Council, while

Northumberland County Council would carry on with their responsibilities. Cost issues would be a contractual issue. This method would require a three month consultation period.

Concerns were raised as to whether the land was classed as a village green and Stephen Rickett agreed to find out this information.

**RESOLVED: The Town Council agreed this required further discussion before making a decision.**

Stephen Rickett then left the meeting with several members of the public to undertake a question and answer session.

**ER008/10**

**8. SPITTAL SPLASH PARK**

Joanne Luther, Senior Project Officer with Northumberland County Council, was unable to attend the meeting, and therefore this item was deferred to the Environment and Regeneration Committee meeting to be held on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

**ER009/10**

**9. NEW DOG LAWS FOR NORTHUMBERLAND - CONSULTATION**

**RESOLVED: That Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Council agree with anything that supports enforcement, but have concerns over what level of enforcement there will be.**

Note: Stephen Cozens to find out what cover will this enforcement provide.

**ER010/10**

**10. THE NEW ROAD, BERWICK-UPON-TWEED**

Councillor John Robertson gave a verbal explanation of the attached report and noted that the Bi-Centenary was in 2016.

**RESOLVED: To set up a stakeholders group to deal with this project.**

**ER011/10**

**11. MAKING GOOD IN THE COMMUNITY**

**RESOLVED: To suggest the New Road (Item 10) to Northumberland County Council's Youth Offending Team as a possible local amenity projects.**

**ER012/10**

**12. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**RESOLVED: (i) To make £493.50 available to the West End Residents Association; (ii) To make £500 available to Prior Park Residents association; and (iii) to make £250 available to the Spittal Improvement Trust**

**ER013/10**

**13. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

There had been no requests from outside bodies for Town Council representation.

**ER014/10**

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at 6.30pm in the Ante Room, the Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed.