

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council Local Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 25 September 2017 at 6.30pm in the Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed

PRESENT:

Councillors: B Douglas (Chair)
 R Bruce
 A Gibson
 K Graham
 B Parkin
 L Stephenson

IN ATTENDANCE:

S Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk
Cllr G Smith
1 member of the public

OPEN SESSION

The NCC North Northumberland Local Area Council was mentioned as it's believed the meetings would alternate between Alnwick and Berwick. The last two meetings have taken place in Alnwick. Concerns were raised regarding the welfare of a local resident. Both Cllrs K Graham and L Stephenson provided a response.

LS027/17 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs A Bowlas, H Nichols and G Roughead.

LS028/17 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Council Local Services Committee meeting held on Monday, 24 July 2017.

LS029/17 **3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

There were no disclosures of interests.

LS030/17 **4. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION**

There were no requests for dispensation.

LS031/17 **5. VOLUNTEER LITTER PICKING**

Members considered the report and Cllr L Stephenson gave an update on the event and further actions. Standing Orders were suspended to allow a member of the public to speak, before the discussion resumed. The Committee agreed that enquiries should be made to NCC as to the price of beach cleans in other parts of the region and to what equipment was available.

Members **RESOLVED** to recommend that council:

- i. Invite Coast Care to work in partnership with the council to deliver more frequent community activities on Berwick's beaches, and
- ii. That partners be sought for community litter-picking activities in other areas, such as parks and play areas.

LS032/17 **6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the committee will be held on Monday 23 October 2017, at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall.

The committee passed a resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 excluding the media and public from the discussion of the following business on the basis that public discussion may prejudice the Council's position with relation to legally confidential matters.

At this point the Public withdrew.

LS033/17 **7. FUTURE LOCAL SERVICES ARRANGEMENTS**

The item was deferred for future discussion with more in-depth details.