

## BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Town Council Local Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 26 June 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

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

G Davies, Town Clerk  
S Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk  
1 members of the public

### **OPEN SESSION**

There were no contributions during the open session.

#### **LS008/17           1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Nicholls, Roughead and Stephenson.

#### **LS009/17           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, 15 May 2017.

#### **LS010/17           3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

There were no disclosures of interests.

#### **LS011/17           4. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION**

There were no requests for dispensation.

**LS012/17**

## **5. SPITTAL SPLASH PARK**

The Town Clerk provided an update on both the mechanical failure that led to the temporary shutdown of the splash park, and the issues arising from the cleaning of the park. It was **RESOLVED**, unanimously that the Town Clerk should review the adequacy of the existing cleansing SLA with NCC colleagues, and should ask NCC colleagues to pursue more rigorous enforcement of dog control legislation both in and around the play park, and on Spittal Promenade.

**LS013/17**

## **6. POTENTIAL LAND ACQUISITIONS / NEW PLAY FACILITIES**

After a full discussion committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to council

- a) that no new play areas be created except in association with new housing developments and developer funding
- b) that spending be focussed on upgrading existing play areas, both by full replacement and by incremental upgrades,
- c) That funding for upgrades via partnership working and grant funding be explored,
- d) that priority be given to developing a workable skatepark for older children, and
- e) That land ownership for all the play areas be fully explored and clarified.

**LS014/17**

## **7. ALLOTMENTS**

Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to council that options for developing new allotment provision be explored.

**LS015/17**

## **8. HERITAGE LIGHTING**

Committee **RESOLVED**, on the motion of Cllr Graham, seconded by Cllr Gibson, to note the letter from Mr Robertson and take no further action.

**LS016/17**

## **9. SATISFACTION SURVEY**

Committee **RESOLVED** to delegate to the Town Clerk authority to conduct the work specified to gauge public opinion as to the provision of services and to enable residents to report issues.

**LS017/17**

## **10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the committee will be held on Monday 24 July 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.

**LS018/17**

**11. FIVE ARCHERS PLAY AREA**

Having received an update from the Town Clerk elected members provided guidance as to the approach they wished the Town Clerk to take with regard to the Five Arches site.