

## BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Town Council Local Services Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 05 October 2021 at 6.00pm in the William Elder Building, Castlegate, Berwick-upon-Tweed**

### **PRESENT:**

Councillors:	R Bruce (Chair)	M Greener
	J Bowden	G Smith
	C Bruce	L Stephenson
	A Gibson (from Item 7 onwards)	

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr Gareth Davies, Town Clerk  
Steve Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk  
Cllr J Robertson  
Ann Deary-Francis, Northumberland County Council  
Cty Cllr I Hunter  
0 members of the public

#### **LS067/21**

#### **1. SEAGULLS**

Ann Deary-Francis, an Ecologist for Northumberland County Council, introduced herself, answered questions from councillors and discussed potential solutions.

#### **LS068/21**

#### **2. OPEN SESSION**

Cllr G Smith enquired if there had been an update regarding the ivy on the Town Walls at Castlegate, to which there had been none from English Heritage.

#### **LS069/21**

#### **3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A Bowlas and G Brown.

#### **LS070/21**

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

On the motion of Cllr G Smith, seconded by Cllr M Greener, the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 06 September 2021 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

**LS071/21**

**5. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

There were no disclosures of interests.

**LS072/21**

**6. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION**

There were no requests for dispensation.

**LS073/21**

**7. ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEERS**

An update was received by Cllr L Stephenson on a butterfly board in Spittal, litter picks including positive feedback to the recent Great Coastal Litter Pick, an event on 09 November 2021 and tree planting at Five Arches.

The Town Clerk then provided an update on a potential way forward for the allotment site at Five Arches which may have the potential to include a community garden project.

**LS074/21**

**8. ISSUES REPORTED SINCE LAST MEETING**

An update was provided on the report including works required at the Spittal Splash Park. After which, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to note the report.

**LS075/21**

**9. FOCUS OF ENVIRONMENTAL WORK 2022-2025**

Councillors provided feedback regarding whether services are focused and local enough.

**LS076/21**

**10. PLAY AREAS**

- i. An update was provided on the play park inspections, and members asked a number of question, after which it was **RESOLVED** to note the reports.
- ii. Officers have liaised with the contractor regarding the annual play park inspections and are awaiting the reports.
- iii. Councillors provided feedback on the draft consultation leaflet for Springdale Play Area.

**LS077/21**

**11. LITTER BINS**

An update was provided regarding correspondence with the Chamber of Trade and the Committee unanimously **RESOLVED** approval of that organisation to co-ordinate the project. After which, the Members unanimously **RESOLVED** that updates be brought to a future meeting of this Committee.

**LS078/21**

**12. FORWARD PLAN**

A discussion took place regarding a bench missing from the coastal path and a potential replacement.

After which, it was **RESOLVED** to note the Forward Plan.

**LS079/21**

**13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting will be Monday, 01 November 2021 at 6.00 pm.

**Committee RESOLVED that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it was appropriate to exclude the media and public from the discussion of the following business on the basis that public discussion might prejudice the Council's position and staffing issues might be discussed.**

**LS080/21**

**14. ALLOTMENT**

The Town Clerk provided an update on allotments, after which the Committee unanimously **RESOLVED** to note the update as a way forward.