

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Town Council Local Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 01
November 2021 at 6.00pm in the Northern View, Highcliffe, Spittal, Berwick-upon-Tweed**

PRESENT:

Councillors:	R Bruce (Chair)	G Brown
	J Bowden	M Greener
	A Bowlas	G Smith
	A Gibson	L Stephenson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Gareth Davies, Town Clerk
Steve Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk
Cllr J Robertson
Cty Cllr G Hill
3 members of the public

LS081/21

1. OPEN SESSION

Cty Cllr G Hill asked that priorities for the Local Transport Plan be sent to Northumberland County Council.

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2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr C Bruce.

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3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

On the motion of Cllr G Smith, seconded by Cllr M Greener, the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 05 October 2021 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

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4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interests.

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5. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

There were no requests for dispensation.

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6. ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEERS

An update was received by Cllr L Stephenson on positive feedback from all litter pick groups and trees planted at Five Arches.

There have been complaints about discharge into the river. Standing Orders were suspended to allow Cty Cllr G Hill to update the members that Northumbria Water are to have follow-up meetings. After which the Committee **RESOLVED** that this should be an item on the Council forward plan and that representatives of Northumbria Water be invited to a meeting of Council.

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7. ISSUES REPORTED SINCE LAST MEETING

An update was provided on the consultation for Springdale Play Park and the Committee **RESOLVED** that the fence be painted in a solid colour.

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8. PROPOSALS FOR GROWTH AND SAVINGS

The Town Centre Working Group had made a request for winter planting and, if this was to be a yearly occurrence, then provision would have to be made in the budget.

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9. PLAY PARKS

The Town Council introduced the background paper and the Committee expressed satisfaction with the seven general issues. After which, the Committee unanimously **RESOLVED** to agree a way forward for maintenance and further **RESOLVED** that a consultation process be organised regarding Spittal Play Area.

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10. FORWARD PLAN

Reports would be provided on actions and work agreed for play parks including a timetable.

A current status of bench repairs would be provided to members of the Committee.

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

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11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Monday, 06 December 2021 at 6.00 pm.