

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council Local Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 03 October 2022 at 6.00pm in The Meeting Room, Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Council Office, Unit 1, 82 – 88 Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed

PRESENT:

Councillors: J Bowden (Chair)
M Greener
G Smith
L Stephenson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Steve Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk
Julian Smith, Projects Officer
Justine Walker, Administration Assistant
David Brown, Town Warden
Cllr T Stewrt
Cty Cllr G Hill
0 members of the public

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1. OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

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2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs G Brown, R Bruce and J Robertson.

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3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

On the motion of Cllr L Stephenson, seconded by Cllr G Smith, the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 05 September 2022 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

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4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

- i. There were no disclosures of interests.
- ii. There were no requests for dispensation.

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5. ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEERS

Cllr L Stephenson provided updates including on the coast care event held on the 30 September, Pier Road and that 5 Arches is moving along although representatives of the site are still in touch with the Police regarding anti-social behaviour.

A discussion took place regarding the emptying of full litter bins at the weekend and it was agreed that Councillors would liaise with the Projects Officer concerning those where they felt there was a problem.

An issue was also raised regarding the lock on the notice board at Spittal Point Car Park, and it was agreed that the Assistant to the Clerk would investigate.

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6. ISSUES REPORTED SINCE LAST MEETING

Graffiti on street furniture and bus stops was discussed and an update was provided that the Town Wardens were removing the defacements.

The Committee noted the update on the gate with the chain at Spittal Play Area and that slam rubbers were required for the gates.

The Committee **RESOLVED** that 'No Bikes' signs should be purchased for play areas and that mobile CCTV be explored with the current contractor for hotspot play areas.

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7. LOCAL SERVICES

- i. The Projects Officer provided an update on the new unit including costs, welfare and that costs for electricity, water and rates are being explored.
- ii. A list of proposed equipment for purchase was provided to the Committee. On the motion of Cllr M Greener, seconded by Cllr G Smith, the Committee **RESOLVED** to agree the list on condition that costs be provided to Members before the purchase of the equipment.

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8. UPDATE ON BENCHES

Officers provided an update that a project is moving along to repaint and repair where necessary the benches on Spittal Promenade. Also, a bench has been removed from Tweedmouth Green due to the metal legs being dangerous.

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9. MEMORIAL FOR QUEEN ELIZABETH II

The Committee were updated that this item had been placed on the agenda at the request of the Chair after which, Standing Orders were suspended sufficiently to allow Cty Cllr G Hill to speak.

Following on from this, on the motion of Cllr M Greener, seconded by Cllr L Stephenson, the Committee **RESOLVED** to instruct the Admin Assistant to explore the development of this idea using social media and to liaise with Northumberland County Council to enquire if they will be willing to lead on the project.

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10. FIVE ARCHES PARK

The Assistant to the Clerk updated the meeting that the member of the public who wished to speak on this subject would attend a future meeting. After which, it was agreed that the police be contacted to see if they will attend the site during which Standing Orders were suspended sufficiently to allow Cllr T Stewart to speak.

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11. FORWARD PLAN

The idea of a play area at Robert's Lodge was discussed as was a new play area to be installed at the Leisure Centre and therefore the possibility to recycle equipment from Springdale.

A consultation exercise will take place with the current allotment holders and those on the waiting list with the potential to use land for a community garden or planting by the Town Wardens.

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

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12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Monday, 07 November 2022 at 6.00 pm.