

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council Communities and Local Services Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 02 May 2023 at 6.30pm in The Meeting Room, Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Council Office, Unit 1, 82 – 88 Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed

PRESENT:

Councillors:	J Robertson (Chair)	P Jackson
	J Bowden	G Smith
	G Brown	L Stephenson
	M Greener	J Turton

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Gareth Davies, Town Clerk
Steve Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk
Justine Walker, Administration Assistant
Joyce Benton, Sergeant-at-Mace
Cty Cllr G Hill
Cty Cllr C Seymour
4 members of the public

CLS001/23 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

CLS002/23 2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

On the motion of Cllr P Jackson, seconded by Cllr J Turton, the Committee **RESOLVED** that Cllr J Robertson be appointed Chair of the Communities and Local Services Committee for the year 2023/2024.

CLS003/23 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

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

CLS004/23 4. ELECTION OF A VICE-CHAIR

On the motion of Cllr J Turton, seconded by Cllr J Robertson, the Committee **RESOLVED** that Cllr P Jackson be appointed Vice-Chair of the Communities and Local Services Committee for the year 2023/2024.

CLS005/23 5. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee unanimously **RESOLVED** to note the Terms of Reference of the Communities and Local Services Committee, agreed by Council, at Appendix A of these minutes.

CLS006/23 6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Monday, 05 June 2023 at 6.00 pm.

Appendix A

- i. A duty to scrutinize the performance of environmental services work funded by the council,
- ii. A duty to scrutinize the maintenance of play parks and other facilities funded by the council,
- iii. A duty to scrutinize the provision of allotments,
- iv. A power to propose new play parks, allotments or other environmental facilities for consideration by council,
- v. A power to propose actions or policies designed to foster the regeneration of, or economic growth of, Berwick,
- vi. Within existing budgets as allocated by council, a power to spend or grant such moneys as may be allocated for the purposes outlined above,
- vii. A power to make grants, within existing budgets and grant schemes, to organizations benefiting Berwick,
- viii. A power to propose changes to any scheme of grants or grant awarding criteria, subject to the approval of council,
- ix. A power to spend, within budgets allocated to it by council, on the purposes for which those budgets were allocated by council,
- x. A power to:
 - a. make grants to enable events that benefit the people of Berwick, and
 - b. to approve spending for a list of events approved by council provided such decisions are within existing budget provision,

- xi. A power to work with local organizations to foster relationships that further the council's objectives,
- xii. A duty to scrutinize the council's work in relation to its duties under the Equalities Act, and
- xiii. A power to make proposals to council as to the organization and promotion of events or activities that benefit Berwick.