

## **BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Town Council Communities and Local Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 05 June 2023 at 6.00pm 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:**

5 members of the public

#### **CLS007/23 1. OPEN SESSION**

A number of questions were asked and answered.

#### **CLS008/23 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

#### **CLS009/23 3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

On the motion of Cllr M Greener, seconded by Cllr J Turton, the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 02 May 2023 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

#### **CLS010/23 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

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

#### **CLS011/23 5. ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEERS**

Cllr L Stephenson provided updates on environmental activity by volunteers, and updated committee on issues with the placement of litter bins in Sandstell Road Car Park. At the request of a councillor it was agreed to investigate providing more gull proof bins.

**CLS012/23**

**6. ANNUAL PLAY PARK INSPECTIONS**

The Town Clerk provided an update and copies of the reports were distributed.

**CLS013/23**

**7. LITTER BINS**

(a) Grove Gardens Shops

On the motion of Cllr J Turton, seconded by Cllr J Robertson, it was

**RESOLVED** to provide a bin.

(b) Cow Road

On the motion of Cllr J Robertson, seconded by Cllr J Bowden, it was

**RESOLVED** to provide a bin.

**CLS014/23**

**8. LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024-25**

It was **RESOLVED** without dispute that council's criteria would be to support schemes and requests that contributed to:

(a) A reduction in noise nuisance,

(b) An increase in safety for vulnerable road users, and

(c) Environmental improvement.

Councillors also expressed support for investigations into improved pedestrian crossings at Marygate and Loaning Meadows.

**CLS015/23**

**9. WORK PROGRAMME**

Members provided officers as to their priorities for the work of officers and the committee.

**CLS016/23**

**10. LICENCES FOR MARYGATE**

After Cllr L Stephenson introduced the topic the Town Clerk confirmed that they would seek to assist by providing a simple plan for the safe delivery of small scale events.

**CLS017/23**

**11. TOWN PLANTING – CONTAINERS AND BEDS**

Cllr J Turton provided an update on progress with the planting program.

**CLS018/23**

**12. NESS GATE**

The Town Clerk provided a background summary of the Town Council's involvement with this location, and it was agreed to monitor the location while engaging with Northumberland County Council and seeking volunteer support for work in the future.

**CLS019/23 13. WORK ACTIONS OF INTEREST**

An update was provided on the issues reported to council and of additional work with local volunteers at Highcliffe.

**CLS020/23 14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting will be Monday, 04 September 2023 at 6.00 pm.