

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council Environment and Regeneration Committee Meeting held on Monday, 28 May 2012 at 6.00 pm at The Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed

PRESENT:

Councillors: J Robertson (Chair)
A Bowlas
I Dixon
I Hunter
A Reid
C Routledge
F Simpson
J Smith
J Waterhouse

IN ATTENDANCE:

S Finch, Town Clerk
S Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk
2 members of the public

ER001/12 1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor J Robertson be appointed Chairman of the Environment and Regeneration Committee for the year 2012-13.

Councillor J Robertson, having taken the Chair for Item 1 in his role as Town Mayor, took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

ER002/12 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.
Absent: Councillor B Douglas.

ER003/12 3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor C Routledge be appointed Vice Chairman of the Environment and Regeneration Committee for the year 2012-13.

ER004/12

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2012 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

ER005/12

5. STATEMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

There were no statements by members of the public present.

ER006/12

6. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest.

ER007/12

7. ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION PROJECTS

Members noted the report and made the following observations. The two 'Welcome to Berwick' signs that had been replaced were currently being stored in the Northumberland Road depot, the idea was agreed that the local press could run an article asking members of the public for ideas for their final use.

The Berwick Parks consultation took place on Saturday 26 May 2012. Over 50 comments were made, all of which were favourable.

There had been parking problems around Spittal Splash Park on the previous Saturday so this was to be monitored and reported on at a future meeting. The Town Council paid for the clearance of the drains at the Splash Park with a view to recouping the money from the responsible parties involved. Members asked that an agenda item on Spittal Splash Park be included in all future Environment and Regeneration Committee meetings until resolved. It was also noted that more litter bins were required in the Splash Park area.

ER008/12

8. NURTURING NORTHUMBERLAND'S ENVIRONMENT

The meeting noted the invitation from Northumberland County Council to consider sites locally for wildflower planting, and also the sites which had been proposed in Berwick by the Northumberland Wildlife Trust, and deferred further discussion, to include possible new areas, to the next meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Committee.

ER009/12

9. ELECTRICITY AND WATER SUPPLY IN SENTRY BOX, PARADE

RESOLVED: To agree to a request from Northumberland County Council that the Town Council take responsibility for the utility supplies in the sentry box, The Parade.

- ER010/12** **10. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS**
RESOLVED: (i) To agree the Service Level Agreements for 2012-13 covering public seats, play areas (two only), planting and maintenance of flower beds, war memorials and bus shelters; and (ii) That the Service Level Agreements be reviewed in a year's time.
- ER011/12** **11. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**
RESOLVED: To make a grant of £250 available to Spittal Improvement Trust for the provision of compost, topsoil, shrubs and plants.
- ER012/12** **12. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**
No invitations had been received.
- ER013/12** **13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
The next meeting would be held on Monday 2 July 2012 at 6.00pm.