

Minutes of the ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIAL WELLBEING COMMITTEE  
of Bridport Town Council held in Mountfield, Bridport on Wednesday 26 February  
2014 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs: D.G. Rickard (Chairman)  
Ms R.C. Kayes (until 8.00pm) Ms A-M.A. Vincent  
Mrs E.A. Rickard

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no speakers in the public forum.

#### **49. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllrs G.J. Ackerman and  
Ms S.J. Williams.

#### **50. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 11 November 2013 were  
confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **51. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **52. DORSET WASTE PARTNERSHIP PRESENTATION**

Steve Burdis, the Director of Dorset Waste Partnership, made a presentation on  
the Partnership, the recycling roll out, the latest position on Broomhills and also  
commented on the Town Council's response on the Waste Plan consultation.

During the presentation, the following comments were made:

- Bridport was in tranche 5 of the roll out, which would commence in Summer  
2015, subject to completion of the Broomhills site. There would be a lot more  
information nearer the time.
- The temporary permission for the household recycling centre at South Street  
was due to be renewed until 2015 or, if earlier, when Broomhills was  
operational.
- The initial site works at Broomhills were due to start in March 2014. The junction  
works would be programmed to avoid the summer season and the Melplash  
Show and be completed in advance of the Christmas shopping season. The full  
timetable was currently being finalised and the Town Council would receive a  
copy, when available.
- Members asked questions and it was emphasised that more information on the  
recycling roll out would be available nearer the time.

Mr Burdis was thanked for the presentation.

**53. WASTE PLAN ISSUES CONSULTATION**

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 2787.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council's response on the Waste Plan Issues Consultation be noted.

**54. A35 TRAFFIC ISSUES – ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS**

The Town Clerk reported that the Highways Agency had indicated that it would be happy to talk about the A35 speed limits. This would happen as part of the A35 Working Group meetings convened by Oliver Letwin. The next meeting of that Group was due to be held on 4 April.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

**55. AIR QUALITY MONITORING**

The Town Clerk reported that West Dorset District Council had produced an updated assessment of air quality in West Dorset. In the current assessment, East Road, by the roundabout, had not been designated as an air quality management area, but monitoring took place, to check future levels of NO<sub>2</sub>. The updated assessment stated that there were no plans to review that decision.

Members noted the recommendation. It was commented that it would be interesting to know if there was any monitoring of the number of lorries that used East Road now, so that this could be compared to the numbers after the opening of Broomhills and assess the "before and after" air pollution levels.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted, with the comments as above.

**56. DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL –  
BRIDPORT ADULT SOCIAL CARE CONSULTATION**

Councillors considered a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 2790.

It was felt that further consideration of the response was needed and it was:

RESOLVED: that the final response be delegated to the Town Clerk, in consultation with members of Committee.

**57. ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT**

Brian Atkinson, who undertook the original environmental audit, had kindly agreed to update the energy level findings, based on a further analysis of recent meter readings. The updated report would be reported to the next meeting.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

**58. COMMUNITY JUSTICE PANELS UPDATE**

The Chairman stated that the CJP Steering Group had met earlier that day and it was reported that the project had now rolled out to Dorchester. Sherborne was also ready to join. The Police & Crime Commissioner was very supportive, would hopefully allocate funding to the project and was looking at the feasibility of a Dorset wide roll out.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

**59. DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL –  
REVIEW OF UNIVERSAL SERVICES TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

Councillors considered a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 2789.

RESOLVED: that this issue be discussed at a meeting of the Social Wellbeing and Inclusion Working Group and reported back to this Committee.

**60. COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN**

The Town Clerk reported on the draft template produced by West Dorset District Council and it was proposed that this was worked on with members of this Committee. It was also felt that there needed to be a meeting of all relevant agencies, to discuss the town's response to emergencies and this work should be undertaken in consultation with the Communities Living Sustainably project team.

RESOLVED: that this Committee receive regular reports on the preparation of the Community Resilience Plan.

**61. OPEN SPACES TASK FORCE**

The notes of the meeting of 20 February 2014 were considered.

RESOLVED: that the notes be received and the actions set out endorsed.

**62. CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU – A PLACE TO CALL HOME**

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 2788.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted and be looked at in detail at a meeting of the Social Wellbeing and Inclusion Working Group.

**63. DORSET POLICE ENQUIRY OFFICE – CHANGE OF PROVISION**

The Town Clerk reported on discussions with the police regarding the options for a point of contact in Council offices. In Bridport, this would require the agreement of West Dorset District Council, as they provide the reception staff. It was noted that this would mainly be a "signposting" role and the staff would not have access to the police computer system. Members generally felt that it would be better if access to the computer system was available, so that more assistance could be provided.

RESOLVED: that the update on the changes to the provision of the police enquiry offices be noted.

**64. WEST DORSET CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY GROUP / CLIMATE CHANGE WEEK**

The Chairman reported on a discussion regarding community resilience at the last meeting of the Climate Change Strategy Group. He also mentioned the forthcoming Climate Change Week, which included events in Bridport on 6 March.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

**65. DOG FOULING – UPDATE**

The Town Clerk reported on recent comments received regarding dog fouling. Members felt that there needed to be further discussion with the dog warden and options considered for an awareness raising campaign.

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk report back on options, following further discussion with the dog warden.

**66. HEALTH SERVICES COMMISSIONING**

There were no issues reported.

**67. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

Food Festival – the Festival Committee had said that they understood that the field at Asker Meadows would need to be clear of animals for three weeks before the event. This matter was to be referred to the Town Council.

**68. FUTURE REPORTS**

There were no further reports requested.

**69. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Town Clerk reported that the Post Office had contacted the Town Council regarding its proposals to improve access at the Bridport branch, following its recent refurbishment. CCTV will be installed next to the retail service point on the customer side, which will be staffed at all times. On ringing the bell outside, or via constant checking of the CCTV camera, a staff member will respond and go and assist the customer. The Post Office was happy to discuss this matter further, if the Town Council wish, although there were restrictions on what adaptations could be made, bearing in mind that it was a listed building.

The meeting closed at **8.45 p.m.**

**The next meeting of the Committee will be held on the previously set date of 19 March at 7pm. This date is already in the annual meetings calendar.**