

Minutes of the ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIAL WELLBEING COMMITTEE
of Bridport Town Council held in Mountfield, Bridport on Wednesday 7 September
2016 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs: Dave Rickard (Chairman)

Jeremy Brodie Barry Irvine
Kelvin Clayton Julian Jones
Sarah Horniman Anne Rickard

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers in the public forum.

19. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Ros Kayes.

20. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 8 June 2016 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

22. BRIDPORT YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE

The Town Clerk and Cllr Clayton, member of the Trust, reported on the latest position:

- Charitable Trust established with five trustees
- Building transferred to the Trust under a Tenancy at Will
- Building open and continuing to operate
- Co-ordinator appointed and in post
- Youth Club provider identified (details and contract to be agreed)
- Business Plan being implemented
- Funding applications to West Dorset Car Boot Fund and Police and Crime Commissioner Fund successful. Other fund raising being looked at, including establishment of a 100 club

RESOLVED: that the update be noted and all involved in the project to safeguard the future of the Youth and Community Centre be thanked for their work.

23. EAST BEACH, WEST BAY

Councillors considered a report of the meeting, ENCL: 3118.

Cllr Horniman, who had attended the meeting, proposed a vote of thanks, which was agreed, to Kevin Good, District Council Beach Manager, for all his work in

getting the new signage installed. The current dog walking signs had also been amended and it was understood that there was soon to be consultation from the District Council on dog walking signage throughout the district. It was felt that there was still a need to make people aware of the dangers of cliff falls.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

24. CLINICAL SERVICES REVIEW

The Town Clerk reported that there was no further update at the current time. It was proposed that, rather than having this as an item for the next Open Public Forum at the Council meeting, it would be better to have a discussion on the changes proposed to the County and District Councils, which were currently the subject of a consultation exercise. It was understood that the consultation on the Clinical Services Review would take place later in the year.

RESOLVED: that the position be noted and the Clinical Services Review be reported back to a future meeting of this Committee.

25. USE OF FIELDS IN WEST BAY

The Chairman reported on an issue that had been raised with the District Council regarding the use of the fields between West Bay Road and the River Brit. It was understood that the use of the front field for camping exceeded the conditions set by the Certificate of Lawful Use and the District Council had been asked to monitor the usage and take the necessary action to ensure that the site was used in line with the permission given. That field was a designated Site of Nature Conservation Interest (SNCI) and there were also concerns regarding the use of the adjoining Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

Members felt that the use of these fields should be taken up with the District Council, to ensure that their use was in accordance with the permissions granted and their designations.

RECOMMEND: that the Town Clerk write to West Dorset District Council regarding the use of these fields.

26. RIGHTS RESPECTING UPDATE

The Chairman reported that he would like to set up a working group to progress the project and plan for a public meeting. All members would be invited to join the working group.

RESOLVED: that a Working Group of members meet, to progress the Rights Respecting project.

27. COMMUNITY BUS UPDATE

Councillors considered the notes of the meeting, ENCL: 3119.

Members discussed the proposed brief for the feasibility study into options for a community bus scheme and it was agreed that this needed to be clear about the possible financial commitment of the Town Council. It was noted that the Finance

and General Purposes Committee would be asked to agree funding for the study, subject to the brief being finalised.

RESOLVED: that the notes of the recent community bus meeting be noted and the comments above be taken into account, in finalising the project brief.

28. “HOW CAN BRIDPORT FEED ITSELF?” PROJECT

The Chairman reported on the ongoing work, which had come out of the Communities Living Sustainably project. Further information would be reported as the project progresses.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

29. BRIDPORT STAGE 1 SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Councillors considered a report from Dorset County Council, ENCL: 3120.

The Town Clerk reported on the actions identified to seek to address flooding hot spots. It was asked if a potential role for local flood wardens could be looked at again as part of this work and the ongoing work on the Resilience Plan.

RESOLVED: that the identified local actions be supported.

30. HOMELESSNESS

It was reported that it would be helpful to get a picture of the extent of homelessness in the area and whether there was any possibility of using an empty building, to provide temporary shelter.

RESOLVED: that this issue be reported back to a future meeting.

31. FUTURE REPORTS

There were no further requests.

32. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Arts Centre – Cllr Barry Irvine reported on the ongoing development work. The building was due to open in the next week or so. There was still a need to raise funding and initiatives being introduced included sponsoring a seat in the balcony. The new cafe/bar would be run in house.

Citizens’ Advice Bureau – Cllr Barry Irvine reported on the AGM in July and the Board meeting in August. The financial position was good, but there were some concerns about the future SLA with the District Council, in view of the possible proposed changes to local government structures in Dorset. The CAB was also waiting to sign a new lease with Wessex Water.

Transition Town – Cllr Dave Rickard reported on the forthcoming Ecohomes Open Days.

Dorset Coast Forum – Cllr Dave Rickard reported that arrangements were being made for the Annual Beach Clean and it was understood that this was to be over

the weekend of 17 and 18 September, although the local arrangements would be confirmed.

Skills Training Bridport – Cllr Kelvin Clayton reported that the Job Club was now being held on Tuesday afternoons in the Library. There was also a skills audit taking place.

33. CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items raised.

The meeting closed at **8.30pm**.

The next meeting of this committee will be held on 2 November 2016