

Minutes of the ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIAL WELLBEING COMMITTEE
of Bridport Town Council held in Mountfield, Bridport on Wednesday
7 June 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs: Kelvin Clayton (Chairman from item 2)

Eddie Colfox	Dave Rickard
Julian Jones	Barbara Vousden
Anne Rickard	

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: that Cllr Kelvin Clayton be elected Chairman of the Committee for the municipal year 2017/18.

Councillor Kelvin Clayton in the Chair

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: that Cllr Dave Rickard be elected Vice Chairman of the Committee for the municipal year 2017/18.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers in the Public Forum.

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllrs Sarah Horniman, Barry Irvine and Ros Kayes.

4. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 15 March 2017 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

6. CONSULTATION ON USE OF PUBLIC PARKS

The Town Clerk reported on the Government consultation on the use of public parks.

In discussion, members felt that whilst community voluntary events needed to be supported and that in many cases (such as Parkruns) it would not be appropriate to charge, it was difficult to be too prescriptive. There needed to be an element of flexibility and for councils to reserve the right to charge, for example where additional work/cost would be incurred by a Council.

RECOMMEND: that the comments above be agreed in response to the consultation on the use of public parks.

7. BRIDPORT COMMUNITY-LED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 3201.

Members welcomed the summary report and felt that the projects being suggested could be looked at by the Town Council, as part of its review of the Town Plan.

RESOLVED: that the report on Bridport's Community-Led Economic Development project be endorsed, potential projects be considered as part of the review of the Town Plan, and this Committee receive a report back on options for taking forward the findings from the project.

8. RIGHTS RESPECTING – NEXT STEPS

There was an update on the project and it was noted that this was to be the issue for discussion at the next Council Public Open Forum on 20 June 2017.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

9. COASTAL COMMUNITY TEAM

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 3202.

RESOLVED: that the recent meetings of the Coastal Community Team be noted, as summarised in the report.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD JUSTICE PANELS

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 3203.

Members welcomed the report and the success of the project, which had now rolled out across Dorset.

RESOLVED: that the latest position be noted and there be a full report back on the project at a future meeting.

11. ASKER MEADOWS NATURE RESERVE CONSTITUTION

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 3204.

The Group was thanked for its work. The future designation of different parts of the fields was something that the Council would like to discuss further with the Group, bearing in mind the different uses.

RESOLVED: that the Committee endorse the Constitution of the Asker Meadows Nature Reserve Project Group, subject to the comments above.

12. TREE PLANTING POLICY

The Town Clerk reported that this would be picked up and reported back as part of the management of open spaces policy.

RESOLVED: that the management of open spaces policy be reported back to a future meeting.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT REVIEW PROPOSALS

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk convene a working group of members to review the environmental audit and develop a new action plan.

14. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Food Festival – Cllr Anne Rickard reported that preparations were going well for this year's Festival.

Youth and Community Centre – Cllr Kelvin Clayton reported that a new co-ordinator had been appointed and youth club provision was being looked at.

Leisure Centre – Cllr Eddie Colfox reported on the current funding position and options being looked at for future funding.

15. COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED: that a work programme be reported to a future meeting.

16. UPDATES ON OTHER ONGOING ISSUES/CORRESPONDENCE

Dorset Community Hub (Bridport Connect) - a display on the latest plans was available to view in Mountfield. Members commented on suggestions that the Registrar's Service was to be moved into the Hub and it was asked if more information could be obtained on this.

Community Bus Feasibility Project – some additional work was being undertaken.

Highway Verges – Conservation Management Proposals – Dorset Wildlife Trust had written with information on options for the conservation management of verges in appropriate areas. This could be looked at.

Community Resilience / Flood Planning – the Town Clerk was meeting with Dorset County Council and Groundwork UK to discuss. Members would receive further updates.

Cllr Dave Rickard reported on three issues being reported to West Dorset District Council's Overview & Scrutiny Committee next week, which had previously been to this Committee.

- Dog Related Public Space Protection Orders
- Anti-Social Behaviour related Public Space Protection Orders
- Use of Helium Balloons/Chinese Lanterns

The meeting closed at **8.25 p.m.**

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 6 September 2017