

Minutes of the ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIAL WELLBEING COMMITTEE
of Bridport Town Council held in Mountfield, Bridport on Wednesday 9 March at
7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs: D.G. Rickard (Chairman)
K.C. Clayton Ms R.C. Kayes
J.S.L. Jones Mrs E.A. Rickard

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers in the public forum.

65. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors E.T. Colfox,
W.B. Irvine and Ms S.J. Williams

66. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 19 January 2016 were
confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

67. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

68. ST MARY'S GARDEN – PROJECT UPDATE

Sarah Wilberforce provided an update on the Project. It was hoped that funding
could be identified to enable the project to continue for a further year. During the
summer holidays, they would be looking to try and sell produce and hoped to apply
for a market stall in due course. The application would be considered when
received.

Members welcomed the report and thanked Sarah for attending.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

69. YOUTH CENTRE UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 3062.

The next steps in the project were highlighted:

- Interview Prospective Trustees and seek to form an interim Trust
- Verify building costs and work required
- Meet with the main users of the building to update on the project
- Possible youth club providers to be identified
- Business Plan funding to be updated
- Identify possible new funding streams for the building
- Consider one off projects/improvements to be bid for, from the £200,000
Innovation Fund

The key dates were:

Deadline for the updated Business Plan submission - 31 March
Target date for transfer of the building - 1 September

It was noted that additional funding would be required specifically for the Youth Club and the proposed request for a further £5,000 funding from the Town Council, for this purpose, was supported. This would be reported to the next Finance and General Purposes Committee.

RESOLVED: that the update on the project to establish a Trust to manage the Youth Centre be noted and endorsed as in the report.

70. LITTER FREE COAST AND LITTER FREE DORSET

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 3063.

RECOMMEND:

(1) that the update be noted and the public be encouraged to join the Litter Free Coast event and Great Dorset Beach Clean on 23 and 24 April, as organised by Dorset Coast Forum.

(2) that proposals be developed to introduce a local litter free campaign under the theme 'Stop the Drop Bridport'.

71. SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT FUNDING

The notes of the bus services meeting held with the County Council on 26 February 2016 were circulated and discussed. The main issues being looked at were the options for local bus schemes and the level of funding that could be available to support these services. The next meeting with the County Council and local stakeholders was to be held on 16 March 2016 and there would be a report back to the next meeting of this Committee.

RESOLVED: that discussions continue with Dorset County Council on options for local bus services and there be a report back to the next meeting of this Committee.

72. COMMUNITIES LIVING SUSTAINABLY LOCAL ECONOMIC BLUE PRINT PROPOSAL AND OTHER PROJECTS

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 3064

It was felt that this needed to be discussed further and the funding implications identified.

RESOLVED: that this proposal and possible funding options be considered further and reported back to this Committee.

73. WEST BAY COASTAL SIGNAGE

Councillors were happy with the proposed new safety signage, to be provided by West Dorset District Council.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted and the proposed signage supported.

74. RIGHTS RESPECTING PROJECT UPDATE

David Powell, former Headteacher, gave a presentation on the project and advised that they would like to set up a Steering Group comprising people of all ages, to move forward with the proposal to designate Bridport as a Rights Respecting Town.

This was supported.

RECOMMEND: that the Town Council support the establishment of a Steering Group to develop the proposal to designate Bridport as a Rights Respecting Town

75. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Reports from Cllr W.B. Irvine on behalf of the Arts Centre and the Citizens' Advice Bureau were circulated.

Cllr K.C. Clayton reported on Skills Training Bridport, which was running employment workshops, for people already in employment to learn new skills and help to further their careers.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

76. ELECTORAL REGISTRATION

The changes to Electoral Registration were circulated.

Cllr K.C. Clayton said he had asked for this to be on the agenda to highlight the changes to the compilation of the Register. He hoped the Town Council would agree to publicise the changes, to ensure that people did not drop off the Register.

This was supported.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council, as appropriate, publicise the Electoral Registration requirements, in the light of the recent changes to the compilation of the Register.

77. MANAGEMENT OF OPEN SPACES POLICY – WEED CONTROL

The Town Surveyor reported that the Town Council had a policy of only using pesticides as and when necessary, for example in the control of Japanese Knotweed.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

78. ONGOING PROJECTS UPDATES

CAB – Local Advice Network: the Town Council was to support the publication of a leaflet with information on local advice services.

Green Ring Route: the Chairman asked for awareness of this route to be promoted once again. The Town Surveyor reported that this was being looked at, as part of a review of general signage in the town, by the Market and Business Liaison Working Group.

Solar Panels: the Town Surveyor reported that, as well as the existing panels at Plottingham, further installations were now in place at Mountfield and the Cemetery and a solar hot water system was in the process of being fitted at Mountfield.

79. FUTURE REPORTS

There were no requests.

80. CORRESPONDENCE

It was reported that the lighting in the Town Hall clock tower would be turned off from Friday 18 March to Monday 21 March 2016. This was to mark Earth Hour on 19 March.

The meeting closed at **8.50p.m.**

The next meeting of this Committee will be on a date to be agreed at the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee