

Minutes of the ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIAL WELLBEING COMMITTEE  
of Bridport Town Council held in Mountfield, Bridport on Wednesday 14 March 2018  
at 7.00p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs: Kelvin Clayton (Chairman)

Sarah Horniman  
Barry Irvine  
Julian Jones

Anne Rickard  
Dave Rickard  
Barbara Vousden

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no speakers in the Public Forum.

#### **60. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Derek Bussell and Ros Kayes.

#### **61. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 10 January 2018 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **62. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **63. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY BRIDPORT**

Members received a presentation from Debra Bates from Dementia Friendly Bridport. She explained the background to the group, which was formed to make Bridport more accessible for people with dementia, provide information, raise awareness and support carers. They were running a number of projects locally, including supporting Dementia Awareness Week in May. Actions during the week included: a stall in Bucky Doo Square; yarn bombing; encouraging businesses to sign up to the "Use Our Loo" scheme, allowing people with dementia to use their facilities in an emergency; seeking support for the Dorset Carers' Card with discounts for carers.

Members welcomed the presentation and supported the proposals for Dementia Week, including yarn bombing, and the Town Council could look at turning the Town Hall clock blue for the event. It was suggested that the Group might want to make contact with the Chamber of Trade on potential support for the "Use Our Loo" scheme and the carers' card proposals. The Group could also apply for grant funding under the Town Council's scheme, when it opened later this year.

Debra was thanked for the presentation.

RESOLVED: that the presentation be welcomed and the actions set out above for Dementia Awareness Week be supported.

**64. DORSET LOW CARBON PROGRAMME AND FUND**

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 3288.

Members felt that an Expression of Interest should be submitted under the Programme, in respect of potential projects for: renewable energy schemes on local business estates; renewable energy schemes on Town Council and other public buildings in the town and options for an electric bus, as part of the work on the community bus project.

RECOMMEND: that an Expression of Interest be submitted under the Dorset Low Carbon Programme, in respect of the potential projects noted above and further reports be submitted on the next stages, outline costs etc. before approval was given to proceed further.

**65. NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK – CONSULTATION**

Consideration was given to a report on the consultation, ENCL: 3290.

Members discussed the summary report produced by the Project Manager and Community Initiatives Officer. It was generally felt that the Town Council did not need to make a detailed response, as the proposals did not seem to address the need for more genuinely affordable housing.

RECOMMEND: that the Town Clerk be given delegated authority to make a response, subject to any comments from the Planning Committee.

**66. REUSABLE BOTTLES, CUPS ETC UPDATE**

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 3289.

RESOLVED: that the proposals for reusable coffee cups and bags be agreed, as set out in the report, subject to the costs being confirmed and agreed by the next Finance and General Purposes Committee.

**67. HEALTH PROJECT FROME**

Members felt that this was an interesting project. The project set up a directory of agencies and community groups to work together with “health connectors” to help people plan their care, and help patients find the support they needed. The results showed that, when people who have health problems are supported by community groups and volunteers, the number of emergency admissions to hospital reduces.

It was felt that bearing in mind some of the community initiatives in Bridport that this might be something that BLAP could look at.

RESOLVED: that information on this project be referred to the BLAP Health Group, to see if it was something that they might wish to look at.

**68. SUPPORT FOR BEACH LITTER COLLECTIONS**

The next Beach Clean at West Bay was taking place on Sunday 22 April from 10.30am to 12 noon, meeting at the west beach.

Members stressed the need to ensure that the items collected could be recycled at the recycling centre.

RESOLVED: that the Town Council help to publicise the beach clean at West Bay.

**69. PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE RENEWABLE ENERGY INITIATIVES**

RESOLVED: that it be noted that this was to be taken forward through the Dorset Low Carbon Programme Expression of Interest (min.64 above).

**70. RIGHTS RESPECTING**

Further actions proposed, following adoption of the Charter, were:

- Town Clerk to bring forward proposals for inclusion of the principles in the Constitution.
- Public Meeting to be arranged later in the summer.
- To be part of the Charter Fair and Food Festival.
- Take the Charter into local schools.

RECOMMEND: that the Town Council support further events and actions to promote and publicise the Rights Respecting Charter.

**71. GREEN FORTNIGHT**

The Chairman reported the arrangements for Green Fortnight (14 April to 27 April).

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

**72. WINTER MAINTENANCE AND FLOOD PLAN**

The Town Clerk reported on the actions taken by the Town Council during the recent severe weather and also that he would report the final version of the Flood Plan to the next meeting of this Committee for adoption.

RESOLVED: that the updated be noted.

**73. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

Arts Centre – Cllr Barry Irvine reported on the appointment of a new Director, the café, Page to Screen and the Arts Council having agreed funding.

Citizens' Advice Bureau – Cllr Barry Irvine reported on a proposed special Board meeting to discuss Local Government Reorganisation, meeting with other Dorset CAB's. The numbers of Universal Benefit cases were rising and the CAB was working with the Job Centre, Library and Skills Training Bridport, to support people.

Communities Living Sustainably – Cllr Dave Rickard reported on proposals to bring the original steering group together, to review outcomes and potential further projects. He would be able to attend the meeting.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

**74. UPDATES / FUTURE REPORTS**

Public Art Project – no further updates at this stage. They were still looking at potential sites.

AONB Annual Forum – members were reminded of the event on 20 March at 6pm in the LSI and that they needed to register if they wished to attend.

The meeting closed at **8.45pm**.

**The next meeting of this Committee will be held on 6 June 2018 at 7pm, subject to approval by full Council**