

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

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

Derek Bussell	Anne Rickard
Sarah Horniman	Dave Rickard
Barry Irvine	Barbara Vousden
Julian Jones	

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: that Cllr Kelvin Clayton be elected Chairman of the Committee for the municipal year 2018/19.

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 2018/19.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no speakers in the Public Forum.

3. APOLOGIES

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

4. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 14 March 2018 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

6. DORSET LOW CARBON PROGRAMME AND FUND

A report from the Project Manager and Community Initiatives Officer (ENCL: 3324) had been circulated prior to the meeting.

As this Committee had agreed, an Expression of Interest was submitted under the Low Carbon Dorset Programme and the first element of the programme was the offer of free technical advice on energy efficiency and renewable options.

The report presented the interim findings following the visit from Derek Moss, Technical Adviser with Low Carbon Dorset, who inspected a number of the public buildings in Bridport, to assess energy efficiency and renewable options. A full report on the technical advice visit will be available in July, but at this stage members were invited to consider any initial comments.

Members made the following comments:

- A biomass boiler at Mountfield should be looked at further, to see if this was feasible, bearing in mind access and the space for the required hopper. This measure and some of the other smaller measures should be looked at further.
- Could also be useful to look at options for ground level solar panel schemes and possible use of solar panels, for shading in car parks.
- The timescale needed to be confirmed for the Town Council to agree its preferences and schemes to go forward.

RESOLVED: that the interim report be noted with the comments above and the final preferences, options and commitment to proceed be considered at the next meeting of this Committee.

7. PLAY AREA SURVEY

The Town Clerk reported on the next steps in looking at the survey and options for play areas.

Members discussed some of the play areas and looked forward to proposals coming forward.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

8. RIGHTS RESPECTING – NEXT STEPS

There would be information on Rights Respecting at the Food Festival and Melplash Show, with an event for local organisations to be held in the Town Hall in September. Also looking at links with York, which is a Rights Respecting city, and options for more prominent promotion around town, showing that Bridport is a rights respecting town.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

9. FLOOD PLAN

The Town Clerk reported on the current position on the Plan and took members through the current plan. The Plan would now be finalised by the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED: that the update and position on the Plan be noted and endorsed.

10. **COASTAL COMMUNITY TEAM**

The Town Clerk reported on the latest position on the West Bay projects.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

11. **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

Members suggested the following items for inclusion in the Committee's Work Programme:

- Water fountains around the town.
- Public Art.
- Adoption of a Green Charter – examples in Langport and Glastonbury.
- Policing Matters – the police to be invited to a future meeting.
- Play Area Survey.
- Allotments and Support for Local Food Production.
- Future Health Consultations.
- Neighbourhood Justice Panels Update – it was reported that there had not been any Bridport cases since the Dorset wide roll out. The Town Clerk was asked to write to the Police & Crime Commissioner, to raise this matter.
- Beach Clean Signage and Public Involvement – a scheme in use in Portishead was reported. Options would be discussed with the Coastal Community Team and Dorset Coast Forum and reported back.

RESOLVED: that the items listed above be included in a Work Programme for the Committee.

12. **REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

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

Arts Centre – Cllr Barry Irvine reported that the new Director was now in post and meeting with local organisations, including the Town Council. Also, two new part time members of staff had been appointed. The Bridport Prize was going well.

CAB – Cllr Barry Irvine reported that the lease was still not signed, but they were hoping to occupy some of the new space following the completion of the redevelopment at the rear of the building. Volunteer recruitment was going well, although they were very busy with universal credit cases. Hoping to work with MENCAP on a project. There was still uncertainty on the funding, after local government reorganisation.

DAPTC – Cllr Sarah Horniman reported on how different towns were involved in discussions on the potential devolution of services, as part of local government reorganisation.

Youth and Community Centre – Cllr Kelvin Clayton reported that the Trust was advertising for a youth development worker.

13. UPDATES ON OTHER ONGOING ISSUES/CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk reported on the costs for providing large recycling bins in West Bay, to support the kiosks who were now providing recyclable packaging. It was asked that this be raised with West Dorset District Council, as they manage the kiosks.

The Town Council was looking to work with local residents on protecting wild flower areas, as part of the verge cutting programme.

Under the minutes item on the agenda, it was reported that the sale of the Bridport plastic bottles was going well and the reusable cups were also being promoted around the town. Members thanked Jill Beed from the TIC for all of her hard work on this initiative.

The meeting closed at **8.30pm**

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 5 September 2018