

BARNSTAPLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE meeting held on MONDAY, 18th APRIL 2016 at 7.00pm in THE GUILDHALL, BUTCHERS ROW, BARNSTAPLE.

Present: Cllr A Windsor (Chairman)
Cllrs Mrs V Elkins (Mayor Ex Officio), Mrs E Davies, M Chamings, I Williams and Miss M Lovering.

Also in attendance: Mrs K Graddock, Deputy Town Clerk.

EN74 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence, as recorded on the attendance sheet were received from Cllrs I Roome (Indisposed), Mrs J Hunt, F Jefferies (Outside Body Representative meeting) and Mrs A Dawson (Indisposed).

Members were informed that under Standing Order 57, Cllr L Dawson would no longer be a member of the committee due to non-attendance at three consecutive meetings.

EN75 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS RECEIVED

None received.

EN76 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of 15th February 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(NC)

EN77 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN THE TOWN

Members were submitted a request from Simon Harvey for contribution towards the purchase and ongoing maintenance of hanging baskets at Diamond Street/Belle Meadow Court. Members felt that the Town Council could not commit to this at present due to the grass cutting contract and other Get Barum Blooming projects and it was therefore,

RESOLVED: That the Town Council do not offer any financial or maintenance support to this project.

(NC)

Cllr M Chamings reported to members that he had spoken to residents who live near to Ladies Mile whose houses are on a unadopted driveway. Some residents would like to place a bollard in the area to stop unauthorised access.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk request information on the process of placing a bollard in the area and whether it is legally able to be sited.

(NC)

Members were reported that a request had come through from the Town Clerk on whether the Town Council should support the installation of a rubbish area at Maiden Street. Members felt that more information needed to be provided before any commitment is made and investigation into what the Town Council's responsibilities would be if the Town Council supported the project.

EN78 PLANTED AREAS

Members were shown a quote from a company who could provide artificial grass on the central reservation from the Bus Station to the TA roundabout. This would make it easier to maintain. Members felt that two quotes should be sought and it was

RESOLVED: That the Deputy Town Clerk and Chairman are given delegated powers to authorise the works up to the value of £5,525.00 subject to another quote being received.

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EN79 TIDY UP OUR TOWN (TUOT) 2016

a) To receive and consider update report from the Deputy Town Clerk

Members were reported that a number of activities had been booked for the Tidy Up Our Town Community Day and all arrangements were in place.

b) To consider green waste removal from allotments during the week

RESOLVED: That a budget of £1,000.00 be allocated towards the removal of green waste.

(NC)

EN80 IRON BRIDGE

Members were submitted a request from Brian Macbeth, a local resident who asked for the committee to consider installing picnic benches and take on responsibility for the routine maintenance of a new picnic site next to the Iron Bridge at Severn Brethren/Rock Park. Members were supportive of the idea but felt that a site visit be completed before any decision is taken.

RESOLVED: That the Deputy Town Clerk organise a site visit of the location before the next meeting.

(NC)

EN81 FOREST SCHOOL

Members were circulated a report from Ann Juby, the Forest School Co-ordinator who has requested to host a community outdoor theatre

production and community performance 'on tour' safari. Members were in full support of the project and it was

RESOLVED: That a grant of £600.00 be made for the project.

(NC)

Meeting ended at 7.19pm.

Chairman

Signed

Dated