

BARNSTAPLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE meeting, held on MONDAY, 12th FEBRUARY 2018 at 7.00pm in The Guildhall, Butchers Row, Barnstaple.

Present: Councillor A Windsor (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs E Davies, M Chamings, F Jefferies, M Kennaugh, I Williams, Miss M Lovering and Mrs L York.

Also in attendance: Mrs K Graddock (Deputy Town Clerk).

EN27 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies as recorded on the attendance sheet were received from Cllr I Roome and Mrs J Hunt.

EN28 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None received.

EN29 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of Monday, 4th December 2017 be approved and confirmed as a correct record.

(4.4abs)

EN30 GARDEN OF GOLD

A request was submitted for the Town Council to get involved with the Garden of Gold project, which is an initiative to raise awareness of Childhood Cancer.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council contributes towards the Garden of Gold project with a splay of yellow/gold on The Square and a plaque is purchased to identify the area and explain the reasons behind the project.

(NC)

EN31 GRASS CUTTING AND VERGE MAINTENANCE

Members received quotations for the grass cutting maintenance and verge maintenance for 2018-19.

RESOLVED:

1. That ISS Facility Services are contracted to complete 7 cuts with a protentional 8th cut if needed, for a total cost of £33,750.00 + Vat.
2. That the verge maintenance is deferred and delegated to the Chairman and Deputy Town Clerk for decision.

(7.1abs)

EN32 THE SQUARE

Members were reported that the Outdoor Maintenance staff had asked whether permission could be granted for picnic benches to be placed on The Square to encourage the community to take advantage of the surroundings and the locality. Members felt that this would enhance the area and offering and it was

RESOLVED: That 2 picnic benches are purchased for The Square. (NC)

EN33 BEE PROJECT

Members were submitted a request from the Welcome Manager at St Anne's to take part in World Bee day in May 2018.

RESOLVED: That the Deputy Town Clerk investigate the potential for a wildflower area in one of the unsponsored verges to encourage bee population and report back to a future meeting. (NC)

EN34 LIGHTING UNDER THE LONG BRIDGE

A request from Town Centre Management was received as to whether the Town Council would be interested in helping to reinstate the lighting that was once under The Long Bridge. Members felt that in principle the idea is nice, but felt that further information was needed as to who would be liable for the ongoing maintenance, the costs associated with this project and the support that is being sought from the Town Council.

RESOLVED: That the item is deferred until further information as to the costs associated with this project, who would be liable for the ongoing maintenance, and the support that is being sought from the Town Council is submitted. (7.1)

Meeting ended at 7.48pm.

Chairman.

Signed..... Dated