



Broadstairs & St Peter's Town Council

ENVIRONMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday 6th July 2022 6PM via Zoom

Present: Chair Cllr B. Bayford, Cllrs R Binks, M Garner, R Bailey, R.K Binks.
Tree Warden: K McKenzie
Town Clerk: Mrs K Holroyd

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies from Cllr P Moore with reason were offered and accepted
Cllrs Buckley and Dexter were absent.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Members received the minutes of the meeting held on 4th May 2022.

RESOLVED: That the minutes are a true record and can be signed by the chairman at the next meeting.

4. ACTION PLAN

Members received and reviewed the sub-committee's action plan which had been drafted in autumn 2020 and approved by Council in June 2021. Each action point was discussed in turn.

RESOLVED:

- i) **Speed limits: Cllr Ros Binks to investigate the possibility of attaching green advisory 20 mph signs to lampposts with KCC officers**
- ii) **Vehicle idling campaign: keep on plan with completion date of December 2022. Social media and schools' liaison to be explored**
- iii) **Monitoring and enforcement of air quality: remove from plan as this work is undertaken by TDC and KCC**
- iv) **Public and private transport pledge: keep in plan and add promote walking tours around Broadstairs on Council's website and social media platforms.**
- v) **Encourage and preserve hedgehog population: Ask the Civic and Support Officer how much time she spent on the initial campaign Oct 2020 in order to ascertain whether the benefits were proportionate. Review at next meeting**
- vi) **Encourage and preserve bird population: Town Clerk and Civic and Support Officer to ascertain interest in more bird boxes via social media and calls to schools. Review at next meeting**
- vii) **Tree Strategy: remove from plan as this item has been successfully completed.**

- viii) **Increase the number of street trees: Cllr R Binks and the Tree Warden will liaise over possible sites for more planting.**
- ix) **Westover Gardens Tree Planting: remove item from plan as the project is complete.**
- x) **Additional park and memorial planting: Keep item on plan**
- xi) **Information about trees for residents: The Tree Warden has produced this information. The Town Clerk will ensure it is displayed prominently on the website.**
- xii) **Memorial menu: Town Clerk and Civic and Support Officer to create a menu with the aim of marketing it in December 2022**
- xiii) **Farmer engagement: This item not to be pursued currently**
- xiv) **Pierremont Park: this item not to be pursued currently**
- xv) **Broadstairs in Bloom: This project is very successful and should remain in the plan.**
- xvi) **Investigate taking on Albion Street toilets: Leave in plan**
- xvii) **Civic pride pledge: remove from plan**
- xviii) **Review the role of the planning committee: Cllr B Bayford will speak to senior officers at TDC about how the Town Council can have greater input into the planning process**
- xix) **Neighbourhood Plan: leave in plan. Some items of the action plan form part of Community Projects on Neighbourhood Plan**
- xx) **Rubbish bins: Leave on plan. TDC have made great improvements since this plan's conception**
- xxi) **Litter: Keep in plan and consider making it the focus of this autumn's Town Forum. TDC's Street Scene Enforcement team and the Town Council's operations officer and electric van project will further improve the situation. Cllrs R Binks and Bailey to look at possibility of smarter temporary bins in public areas over the summer and forward ideas to Cllr Bayford as portfolio holder.**
- xxii) **Graffiti: Keep in plan. A project to address the issue is on the agenda for Council 11 July.**
- xxiii) **Planters in public spaces: Operations Officer to undertake an audit, repair those he can and add plaques acknowledging the Town Council.**
- xxiv) **Recycling: Town Clerk and Civic Support officer to publicise smaller recycling venues such as Boots, Savers and Co-op.**

5. BROADSTAIRS IN BLOOM

Members received and considered a quote from the landscape gardeners to keep the new planters at Pierremont Hall stocked with bedding plants all year round.

RECOMMENDATION: That the quote from Box Green for an extra £500 per annum to cover winter and summer planting be accepted.

6. LAND ADJACENT TO BROMSTONE ROUNDABOUT

Cllr Garner reported that he and the Civic and Support Officer had met with a representative of Riverside Housing Association and discussed the development of the small patch of land into a managed bio-diversity area

thereby reducing the likelihood of it overgrowing. This plan will be further developed and brought back to the next meeting.

7. 20 M/PH LIMIT

This matter had been discussed under minute 4. Action Plan.

8. SWIFT BOX

Cllr Garner reported that he had met with a local representative from the RSPB who had not been able to suggest any locations for the large swift box in the Council's possession, except for Retort House which had been discounted by this committee some time ago.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk will arrange for the large swift box to be collected and replaced with two smaller ones which should be easier to position.

9. PLASTIC FREE BROADSTAIRS

Cllr Garner reported that an invitation to speak had been accepted by a representative of the organisation. He will either attend at the September meeting, or the Town Forum in October.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 6pm Wednesday 28 September 2022 in Pierremont Hall

Meeting closed at 19:45

Signed _____ Date _____