



Broadstairs & St Peter's Town Council

ENVIRONMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday 29th March 2023 6PM The Mayors Parlour, Pierremont Hall, Broadstairs

Present: Chair Cllr B. Bayford, Cllrs M Garner, R Bailey, R.K Binks.

Tree Warden: K McKenzie

Town Clerk: Mrs K Holroyd

Civic & Support officer: Ms A Barton

42. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were given and accepted for Cllr Rosalind Binks.
Cllrs Moore, Dexter and Buckley were absent.

43. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

44. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Members received the minutes of the meeting held on 25th January 2023.

RESOLVED: That the minutes are a true record once the amendment of a spelling mistake is corrected. These minutes can be signed by the Chairman at the next meeting.

45. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Bailey requested that minutes of meeting are to be shared with members after they have been drafted by the Civic and Support rather than after approval at the next scheduled meeting.

RESOLVED: The Civic & Support officer will distribute minutes to members soon after completion.

46. PLANTER IN ALBION STREET

Members received quotes of costing for a replacement planter for the Albion Street carpark. After extensive discussions it was decided that a replacement is not necessary.

RESOLVED: The planter will remain as is, with trailing plants to be added this planting season.

47. BROADSTAIRS IN BLOOM - Tender

After the agreed actions at the last Environmental Sub-Committee meeting, a further meeting had taken place with the proposed supplier, the Town Clerk, and the Civic & Support Officer on 10th February 2023 to discuss health and safety documents. Council Officers and members of the committee have since received some health and safety documents. But after extensive discussions

and scrutiny of the documents it was agreed that the documents supplied still do not meet the standards required and expected for health and safety at work.

BROADSTAIRS IN BLOOM – BUSINESS BASKETS

Members received documents provided by the Civic & support Officer.

RESOLVED: TENDER AND BUSINESS BASKETS

- i. The Town Clerk and Civic and Support Officer are to organise a meeting with proposed supplier to express further concerns regarding their supplied documents.**
- ii. It was agreed by all members that unless the proposed supplier can show that they can provide the correct documents required, the Town Council cannot commit to signing a contract with them.**
- iii. The Civic and Support Officer and Town Clerk are to create a plan going forward to ensure the town can have safe street column hanging baskets or none for this season.**
- iv. It was agreed that the business baskets campaign can go ahead with the offer of 120 baskets at £8.50 per basket. it is to be advertised that the baskets will only be delivered and displayed in Broadstairs and St. Peter's.**

48. SWIFT BOX

i) Members received a short report from the Civic & Support Officer regarding the Swift boxes that are to be erected on Dane Court Grammar school and the swift boxes for residents project.

"I am pleased to say after a very positive on site meeting with Dane Court, the Swift box Project is now underway with a date to install onto their buildings. 4 boxes will be installed by Mark from Damn High Access during the easter holidays. Dane Court will also be receiving a hedgehog home and 2 bird houses for their environmental garden project within their grounds. They plan to keep us updated with pictures and videos of any nesting they may have in the future.

I am however sad to report the events that have taken place on the lead up to this project being completed. Unfortunately, I have received verbal abuse and foul language over the phone from 2 conservation officers/ members of the public and further foul language and abuse directed at me via social media. We will therefore be monitoring the situation and we will adopt a zero-tolerance policy with the 2 people concerned.

We have also received lots of interest in the swift boxes for resident's project so far exceeding the previously agreed 6 boxes"

RESOLVED:

- i. Members acknowledged the Civic and Support Officers report.**

- ii. **It was agreed by all members that 20 boxes can be purchased for the swift boxes for resident's project, with agreement that the Town Clerk can use her discretion to order over that number if necessary.**
- iii. **The Tree Warden is to send the Civic & Support Officer further Swift related information for residents who will be obtaining swift boxes.**

49. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed by all members that the meeting dated 3rd May 2023 is to be deferred due to the election taking place on 4th May 2023.

RESOLVED: The Next Environmental Subcommittee meeting is to be agreed after the election period and the new Council is formed after 15th May 2023.

Meeting closed at 18:50pm

Signed _____ Date _____