



Broadstairs & St Peter's Town Council

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Environmental Committee meeting held 10am on 1st May 2024
Cllrs Present: Chair Joanne Bright, Vice Chair Kevin Pressland, Mike Garner, C Kemp.

Officer: Abigail Barton – Civic & Support Officer

Before the meeting commenced, the Chairman, Cllr J Bright welcomed everyone and drew their attention to the openness and transparency legislation confirmed in several notices around the room.

105. CHAIRS WELCOME OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

To remind those present of the following:

The right to record, film or broadcast any meetings of the Council, committees and subcommittees is established following the Local Government Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

106. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies with reason were received and accepted from Cllrs James Hobson, C Leys, K Bright.

Cllrs S Roberts & A Munns & G Rusiecki were absent.

Adviser Ms. K McKenzie Volunteer Tree Warden was also absent.

107. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None Received.

108. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 27th March 2024 can be approved and duly signed as a true record by the Chairman.

109. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THE AGENDA

None received.

110. QUESTIONS AND/OR OBSERVATIONS FROM THE ELECTORATE OF BROADSTAIRS AND ST PETER'S

- i. To agree to suspend the meeting in accordance with Standing Orders 3e,3f, and 3g which permit a maximum of three members of the parish to address the council for a

maximum of three minutes each.

See item 117 for resolution.

111. OSBORNE ROAD MEADOW PROJECT

Members received an update from the Civic & Support Officer regarding the Osborne Road Tree Planting Project. Approval for the revised quote was given via the Town Clerk and Chair of the committee so works could start on Monday 29th April.

RESOLVED:

It was noted that works have now started on the meadow project and signs have been ordered to make members of the public aware of the project.

The 3 signs are going to be installed by the operations officer in due course and a social media campaign to showcase the project will be created by the Civic & Support Officer.

Note that the following quote was approved by the Town Clerk & Chair of the committee between meetings as agreed during the meeting dated 27th March 2024:

Work required By Box Green LTD:

Remove existing turf by mechanical means (digger or turf cutter), tidy and prep area; supply & spread new topsoil to replace soil removed with turf; prep, rake & level ready for seeding.

Mix wildflower meadow mix with silver sand and sow at 5g/m²*

Lightly rake seed into soil

Price

£1965.00

+ VAT

112. TREE PLANTING PROJECTS

i. Members received a verbal update from the Civic & Support Officer regarding discussions with TDC officers. It was discussed that TDC have asked BSPTC to pause tree related projects and questions to TDC Officers as they are in the infancy of projects currently and had been overwhelmed with questions from councillors. The Civic & Support Officer and Town Clerk are to meet with TDC Officers on 22nd May 2024. This meeting will be outlining their future projects and how the Town Council can support these.

It was noted by TDC Officers that going forward all correspondence is to go through as officer-to-officer interactions as they have had several emails and documents sent to them via Councillors which has become confusing. The Town Clerk has given power to The Civic & support Officer to take lead on this project and future communications. Cllr Bright noted herself and Cllr Pressland had also had the same message from TDC during a meeting recently.

ii. Members received Tree research documents supplied by Cllr Pressland.

RESOLVED

i. Members agree note. It was agreed that tree related projects are to be paused until BSPTC & TDC Officers have had a meeting to discuss future projects.

ii. No decision was made. Members agreed to note.

113. REFILL/TAPS PROJECT

- i. Members received an update from the Civic & Support Officer, the New Town Tap has been ordered for the total price of £2,948.24 + VAT as agreed previously. This has now been delivered. The Civic and Support Officer is now liaising with TDC for an install date.
- ii. Refill Project: members received an update from the Civic and Support Officer who has invited the Town Team, Broadstairs Tourist and Leisure Association and the Chamber of Commerce to a meeting to plan the project going forward and to get as many businesses involved as possible.

RESOLVED:

- i. Civic & Support Officer is to chase TDC to secure a date for install. Members agreed to note.**
- ii. Members agreed to note.**

114. BROMSTONE LAND

Members received a report from Cllr Garner. Cllr Garner & the Civic and Support officer had a meeting to discuss the project so far and discuss conditions required.

RESOLVED:

The Civic and Support Officer, Cllr Garner and Pressland are to meet with Riverside Housing to agree terms of the lease. Members agreed to note.

115. Dog FOULING/ WE ARE WATCHING YOU

The Civic & support Officer updated the committee on the project so far. It was reported that a anti dog fouling campaign had been created including social media visuals and an online form. This was then sent to The Dog Warden at TDC for approval to share their own reporting systems. TDC officers suggested the Town Council used TDCs own Content and direct members of the public to their reporting system.

A freedom of information request was sent to TDC by the Civic & Support Officer to inquire on the number of fines TDC had given this year for dog fouling.

It was reported that no fines had been issued this year, last year and only one fine in 2022.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed by all members that the Campaign is to go ahead, with the removal of mentions of TDC.

after extensive discussions it was agreed by all members that the Civic & Support Officer is to order dog poo bags for dispensers across Broadstairs & St. Peter's. These are to be given to ward councillors to refill stations for members of the public.

The following item was confidential, members of the public were asked to leave the room.

116. BROADSTAIRS IN BLOOM (confidential item)

- i. Gardening Grants:** Members received Gardening Grant applications From the

following:

Bradstow court – request of £300

Broadstairs English Centre- Request of £300

St. Perer's in Thanet school Allotment Project- request of £300

St. Peter's in Thanet school main school projects- Request of £300

Town Team Crocus Project - request of £300

Town Team Town projects - Request of £100

It was noted by the Civic and Support Officer that several organisations had found it difficult to meet the deadline for grants.

RESOLVED:

i. It was agreed by all members that the below Grant Applications be approved.

Bradstow court –award £300

Broadstairs English Centre- award £300

St. Perer's in Thanet school Allotment Project- award £300

St. Peter's in Thanet school main school projects- award £300

Town Team Crocus Project – award £300

Town Team Town projects – award £100

It was agreed by all members that going forward, Gardening Grants are open all year round with approval being granted by the Clerk Committee and Town Clerk. Applications are to be sent to the committee chair and committee members to be notified of grant approvals and rejections.

ii. Business baskets: Members received an update from the Civic & Support Officer regarding the Business Basket scheme. It was noted that the advertising will run from 3rd May-17th May 2024. Delivery is scheduled for after May 18th, with the season ending in September. The baskets will include a selection of pollinator friendly plants and flowers for local businesses in the CT10 area to rent for the season. The baskets are to be delivered by Box green and taken away at the end of the season. It is the businesses responsibility to water the baskets. It is to be noted that as part of the agreed contract, the Town Council has purchased 120 Hanging baskets for the purpose of business to rent in the future, these have been sourced by Box green LTD. It was also noted that in previous years some businesses had ordered a majority of the allotted 120 leaving less for other businesses to purchase.

RESOLVED:

ii. Members agreed to note, after discussions it was agreed by all members that basket order items are limited per customer- Maximum of 10 baskets per business and to be reviewed by Officers on the 17th May 2024.

117. HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

i. 20's plenty banners for schools: Members received an updated from the Civic & Support Officer regarding the 20's Plenty banners offered to local schools. It was reported that there has been a positive response to this project and a total of 5 local schools have requested banners for purchase.

RESOLVED

i. 20's plenty banners for schools:

It was agreed by all members that the schools are to be contacted again and the Town Clerk can use purchase powers to buy the banners, the final cost will

then be brought back to the next meeting to be noted.

The following item was discussed under item 110 Questions from the electorate.

ii. HIP

It was noted that several residents from Brassy Avenue, Broadstairs were in attendance to discuss speeding and traffic issues relating to their surrounding area and a request for traffic calming to be added to The Town Council HIP. (Highway Improvement Plan) Members of the public addressed council with their concerns for the ongoing dangerous driving in this area:

Resident 1 expressed her concerns of the large volume of traffic and parking issues within brassy avenue that have not been helped by the traffic lights along the railway bridge, this has escalated into a 'dangerous speeding issue'.

Resident 2 explained that there are often cars parked either side of the road on Salisbury avenue and Dumpton Park, with speeding cars creating a 'race between Ramsgate and Broadstairs'. This has made it dangerous for children in the area to walk to school. It was suggested that traffic calming measures similar to those in St Peter's Road is a good example of a remedy to this situation.

Resident 3 echoed similar concerns that members of the public are seen to be driving between 40 and 50 MPH along Brassy Avenue with the addition of traffic calming in Salisbury Avenue causing these issues as the public are now avoiding this road and using Brassy Avenue to Salisbury as a 'race track' making it difficult for him to get off of his own drive way due to the speed of the oncoming traffic.

RESOLUTION:

ii. After extensive discussions regarding KCC's procedures, our own Speed Watch Project and the HIP, it was agreed by all members that the Town Council will contact TDC and KCC officers, KCC councillors, Local action groups, Kent Police and more to create a multi-agency action meeting to discuss the town wide traffic issues residents are experiencing to put a spotlight on the dangerous areas that need changes. Once this meeting has taken place the Town Council will look to update the HIP to reflect the outcome of the meeting.

Residents who attended the meeting were asked to email the Civic & Support Officer to attend.

118. PROPOSED FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of next meeting Monday 15th July 2024, 7pm Council chamber.

**Civic & Support Officer
Meeting closed at 11:27am**

Signed _____

Date _____