

## BARNSTAPLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE meeting held on MONDAY, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.00pm in The Guildhall, Butchers Row, Barnstaple.

Present: Cllr A Windsor (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs V Elkins, I Roome (Deputy Mayor Ex Officio), Mrs J Hunt (Mayor Ex Officio), Mrs E Davies, M Chamings, F Jefferies, I Williams and Miss M Lovering.

Also in attendance: Mrs K Graddock, Deputy Town Clerk, A Hooper (South West Counties Allotment Association), C Richards (Barnstaple Allotment Association) and Cllr J Phillips at 7.10pm.

### EN38 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence, as recorded on the attendance sheet were received from Cllr M Kennaugh (Indisposed).

### EN39 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS RECEIVED

Cllr Mrs J Hunt and I Roome, as members of North Devon Council, declared a dispensation under S.O. 66 to discuss and vote on any item on the agenda unless the item refers to a financial or legal agreement or dispute between the two authorities.

### EN40 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(NC)

### EN41 ALLOTMENTS – BONFIRES

Mr C Richards, Chairman of the Barnstaple Allotment Association asked members to consider the reduction of strict guidelines for the allotment bonfire policy. He stated that it can be difficult to dispose of the wood and green waste and asked members to consider the use of incinerators.

Mrs Hooper, SWCAA reported to members that she felt the guidelines were strict but understood that particular rules needed to be in place.

After much discussion, it was

RESOLVED:

1. That the Town Council allow domestic incinerators to be used on the allotment sites in January, February, March, April, September, October, November and December and that no bonfires are now permitted.

2. That if there is a particular problem with diseases in the Summer months, the tenant contacts the Allotment Association or the Town Council to enquire about gaining permission to use the incinerator.
3. That the Deputy Town Clerk draft a revised policy for circulation.
4. That if a plot holder breaches the revised bonfire policy they are given a Notice to Quit.

(NC)

EN42 ALLOTMENTS – RENT REVIEW FOR 2018-19

RESOLVED: That there be no rental increase for 2018-19.

(8.1abs)

EN43 PLANTED AREAS – GET BARUM BLOOMING

a) To receive the grass cutting schedule for 2017

Members were circulated the grass cutting schedule for 2017, this is subject to a few days either side:

Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> April  
Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> May  
Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> June  
Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> July  
Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> August  
Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October

RESOLVED: That the grass cutting schedule be accepted and circulated to all members for information.

(NC)

b) To receive quotation for planted areas works and consider any action

This item was deferred to be taken with the Maintenance vehicle item.

c) To consider hosting a 'Thank you' evening to the sponsors of the Get Barum Blooming Campaign.

RESOLVED: That a thank you evening be organised for 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017 in The Guildhall or St Anne's Arts and Community Centre for sponsors and contributors to the Get Barum Blooming Campaign.

(NC)

EN44 MAINTENANCE VEHICLE

Members were reported that the Gator is in bad condition and would soon need to be replaced. There is TAP funding available to be spent by the end of the financial year and members was informed that an application could be submitted for the purchase of a new one. The Gator has been valued at a trade in price of £3000, the remaining balance due for a new John Deere HPX Gator would be £12,900 including VAT.

Members were circulated a list of proposed works in the following areas, these could also be submitted for TAP funding:

- Victoria Road - £700 + VAT
- Barbican Lane entrance - £350 + VAT
- Sticklepath Terrace dead end - £700 + VAT
- Behind Corner Café - £800 + VAT
- Lower Gaydon Street - £600 + VAT
- Hedge by Barnstaple Health Centre - £1200 + VAT
- Relief Road - £1100 + VAT

After discussion, members

**RESOLVED:** That an application for approximately £13,000 be submitted for the purchase of a new John Deere HPX Gator and the tidying up of the above areas and any remaining costs are taken from the Environment Committee's budget.

(NC)

Meeting ended at 8.05pm.

Chairman

Signed .....

Dated .....