

BARNSTAPLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE meeting held on MONDAY, 22nd MAY 2017 at 7.00pm in The Guildhall, Butchers Row, Barnstaple.

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

Also in attendance: Mrs K Graddock, Deputy Town Clerk.

The Mayor took the Chair.

EN01 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Cllr A Windsor be elected Chairman for the municipal year for 2017-18.

(NC)

EN02 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Cllr F Jefferies be elected as Vice Chairman for the - municipal year 2017-18.

(NC)

EN03 APOLOGIES

None received.

EN04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS RECEIVED

Cllr Mrs J Hunt and I Roome as a member of North Devon Council, declared a dispensation under SO65 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.

EN05 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of Monday, 22nd May 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(NC)

EN06 PLANTED AREAS

Members were verbally reported on one of the gateways into Barnstaple on the B3232 from Great Torrington as the location is severely overgrown. Although this area is outside of Barnstaple Town Council's boundary, this was brought to the meeting as members have, in the past, been keen to ensure that gateways into Barnstaple are satisfactorily maintained.

Councillors felt that Barnstaple Town Council should not be responsible for maintaining this area, as it was not a priority for the town. Cllr Williams suggested contacting St John's Garden Centre as it maybe something that they could help with.

RESOLVED: That Barnstaple Town Council does not fund the works as it cannot be justified to Barnstaple Residents and contact Tawstock Parish Council to enquire if they are going to maintain the area in the future.

(NC)

EN07 STREET FURNITURE

RESOLVED: That the item be deferred until the next meeting.

(NC)

EN08 ALLOTMENTS

a) To receive and approve a draft Bonfire/Incinerator Policy

Members were circulated the draft Bonfire/Incinerator Policy, as appended to these Minutes.

RESOLVED: That the policy be received and adopted.

(NC)

EN09 MATTER TAKEN IN THE ABSENCE OF PRESS AND PUBLIC – PART B

RESOLVED: That the following item be excluded from the Press and Public as defined by Standing Order 81(b)(c).

(NC)

b) To receive verbal report from the Deputy Town Clerk on allotment issues and consider any action therefrom

Members received verbal report from the Deputy Town Clerk and legal advice from the Town Council's Solicitors. Members felt a more robust approach was needed and it was

RESOLVED:

1. That the legal advice is noted but a more robust approach is taken.
2. That the Deputy Town Clerk take further legal advice on the matter.

(NC)

Meeting ended at 7.32pm.

Chairman.

Signed

Dated