

BARNSTAPLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE meeting held on MONDAY, 13th JULY 2015 at 7.00pm in the GUILDHALL, BUTCHERS ROW, BARNSTAPLE

Present: Cllr A Windsor (Chairman)
Cllrs Mrs E Davies (Vice Chairman), Mrs V Elkins (Mayor Ex Officio), I Roome, Mrs J Hunt, M Chamings, F Jefferies, I Williams, Ms M Lovering, Mrs A Dawson and L Dawson.

Also in attendance: Mrs K Graddock – Assistant Town Clerk and Cllr A Rennles.

EN22 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence, as recorded on the attendance sheet were received from Cllr J Phillips.

EN23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS RECEIVED

Cllr Mrs J Hunt declared an interest in item 6a on the agenda as the potential sponsor is her spouse.

EN24 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of 15th June 2015 including appendix 1 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
(NC)

EN25 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN THE TOWN

a) To receive updated Environmental Concerns list

Members were circulated the updated Environmental Concerns list prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: that the updated list be received and noted.

(NC)

To receive any possible environmental concerns

1. Overgrown areas along Taw Vale and into Rock Park from the Museum
2. Pavement is proud from the Albert Clock to Barum House
3. Loose block paving standing proud at Holland Walk
4. Loose paving slab outside Barum House
5. Loose paving slabs at Mermaid Walk

RESOLVED: That the concerns noted above be sent to the relevant authority for actioning.

(NC)

EN26 CORPORATE PLAN

Members were circulated a report from the Assistant Town Clerk, prior to the meeting. The report stated the remit of the committee and some potential objectives for consideration.

Some members had discussions regarding timescales and whether more specific objectives should be sought. The Assistant Town Clerk reminded members that the committee needed six objectives in priority order that could be explored further at the next meeting. The six objectives would be sent to full council for their consideration and will then come back to the committee to decide how each of their objectives could be facilitated. After some further discussions, it was

RESOLVED: That the following objectives are recommended to Full Council:

1. Take on the responsibility for the public highway grassed and planted areas with appropriate resources for implementation
2. To reduce the level of resources we apply to the maintenance and administration of allotments
3. Promote environmental and health and wellbeing awareness through delivery of Tidy Up Our Town and Wellbeing events and consultations on environmental concerns
4. Be proactive and encourage grant finding, communication and partnerships to facilitate and improve environmental concerns including the river
5. Street furniture improvement programme
6. To facilitate partnerships to provide floral displays for the parish of Barnstaple

(NC)

*** Councillor A Rennles left the meeting and did not return. ***

EN27 PLANTED AREAS

*** Cllr Mrs J Hunt declared an interest and left the meeting. ***

- a) To receive report from the Assistant Town Clerk and consider any actions therefrom.

Members were reported that McDonalds had put in a request to sponsor the main roundabout on the A361/A39 and that Devon County Council had not yet responded and the 3 weeks' time constraint for consent had lapsed. Members felt that the sponsor was a significant improvement for Barnstaple and it was

RESOLVED: That the Town Council will support the sponsor of the roundabout and the work continues unless Devon County Council raise any Health and Safety concerns.

(NC)

*** Cllr Mrs J Hunt returned to the meeting. ***

- b) To consider authorising TAP funding cut as deferred from the meeting of 15th June 2015 – Minute ref: EN15

Members considered using the TAP funding for a full grass cut in Barnstaple. The Assistant Town Clerk reported that a meeting was due to be held with David Whitton, Head of Highways regarding the possibility of the Town Council taking on responsibility of the grassed areas in the Town. After consideration, it was

RESOLVED: That the TAP funding cut is postponed until the discussion with DCC has been held.

(9.1abs)

Members wished to thank the members of the public and local councillors for their support and help to date with the grassed and planted areas.

- c) To consider request from North Devon Against Domestic Abuse (NDADA) to site a garden on the Square

*** Cllr I Roome and Mrs J Hunt declared an interest in the following item as members of North Devon Council. ***

Members received a request from NDADA to site a tranquillity garden with the aim to create a space of relaxation and contemplation which will continue from their white flower field art installation of 4000 handmade white flowers which are to be installed on the Square in November 2015.

Members were informed that North Devon Council are prepared to have an agreement in place for a maximum of 2 years for the garden, as there are plans in place to extend the museum in the next few years. It was also suggested that the stoned walls and footways do not form part of the agreement.

RESOLVED: That the project is supported and the Town Council enter into an agreement with North Devon Council to work with the NDADA to site a garden in the area next to the museum, however, the footways and walls are not sponsored.

(NC)

EN28 WELLBEING DAY 2015

Members discussed ideas for the name of the event, following the last meeting. Nominations were also asked for the Wellbeing Working Party. After some discussion it was

RESOLVED:

1. That the event is named Health and Wellbeing Day.
2. That Cllrs Mrs V Elkins, Mrs J Hunt, L Dawson and I Williams form a Working Party to facilitate the organisation of the day.

(NC)

EN29 ENVIRONMENT/PLANNING SCHOOL 2015

Members discussed the organisation and running of the Environment/Planning School for 2015.

RESOLVED:

1. That the delegate fee is £15.00
2. That the budget for the school is £500.00
3. That the school is held in the Guildhall

(NC)

EN30 PARISH PATHS

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

(NC)

EN31 ALLOTMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

Members were given a verbal report from the Assistant Town Clerk of the discussions and resolutions as appended to these minutes, as appendix 1, made at the Allotments Sub-committee meeting held at 6.00pm on Monday, 13th July 2015.

RESOLVED: That the Allotment Sub-committee minutes be received and approved including the resolutions contained therein.

(NC)

Meeting ended at 8.05pm.

Chairman

Signed.....

Dated.....