

BARNSTAPLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE meeting held on MONDAY, 15th FEBRUARY 2016 at 7.00pm in THE GUILDHALL, BUTCHERS ROW, BARNSTAPLE.

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

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

EN67 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence, as recorded on the attendance sheet were received from Mrs A Dawson (Indisposed) and L Dawson.

EN68 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS RECEIVED

Councillor Mrs J Hunt and Cllr Roome declared an interest as members of North Devon Council but have been granted a dispensation to discuss all items on the agenda, in accordance with SO66.

Cllr Miss M Lovering declared a Personal interest in item 5 on the agenda as a family member works for a potential supplier of services.

EN69 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of 18th January 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(8.1abs)

EN70 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN THE TOWN

Cllr Chamings reported that when it is high tide, the water is bubbling out of the wall along Taw Vale.

Members felt that it would be advantageous for an officer of Devon County Council to be invited to a future meeting to discuss a number of environmental concerns and it was

RESOLVED: That an officer from Devon County Council be invited to a future meeting.

(NC)

*** Cllr Miss M Lovering declared an interest and left the meeting. ***

EN71 PLANTED AREAS

Members discussed the options for the grass cutting and shrub bed maintenance from 1st April 2016. Some members felt that the procedure was slightly cumbersome, however, the Deputy Town Clerk explained that Devon County Council had only offered a year contract which made it quite

difficult to find a contractor who could complete the work financially effective and that she would need time to compile a comprehensive tendering document.

Cllr Mrs J Hunt asked if, in the future, a map or list could be compiled to show which areas are maintained by what organisation. The Deputy Town Clerk replied that this would be a huge piece of work, but something we could work towards in the future.

Cllr Mrs Davies asked for more publicity once Barnstaple Town Council had taken over full responsibility for the grassed areas and verge maintenance in Barnstaple.

After some discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That ISS are asked for complete the grass cutting works for 2016 and the Deputy Town Clerk continue to negotiate with Devon County Council for a longer contract period.

(NC)

Members were also submitted a quote for works along the inner relief road, from Flukeys Bar to the start of Hollowtree Road.

RESOLVED: That Dan Perrin Ltd complete works up to £4,500 + VAT on the Inner Relief Road.

(NC)

*** Cllr Miss M Lovering returned to the meeting. ***

EN72 TIDY UP OUR TOWN (TUOT) 2016

a) To receive and approve the change of date for 2016

RESOLVED: That Tidy up our Town 2016 be held from Monday, 16th until Saturday, 21st May 2016.

(NC)

b) To consider any arrangements

Members were informed that North Devon Council had recently advertised a new campaign entitled 'Team up to Clean up'. This event has a similar arrangement to TUOT and was to promote community engagement to clean up the town.

Members were disappointed that they were not informed of the proposed event and felt that if they were communicated with a partnership could have been introduced. The Chairman said that the Deputy Town Clerk and himself would be meeting with Cllr Rodney Cann, Lead member for Waste and Recycling to discuss the initiative.

Members discussed planters in the High Street. Town Centre Management had approached the Town Council to enquire about the possibility of providing planters in the High Street and possibility surrounding streets.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council allocate £1,000 for the project.
(8.1abs)

EN73 ALLOTMENTS

Members discussed whether there should be an Allotments Sub-Committee following on from the staffing review and Corporate Plan objectives.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Allotments Sub-committee be disbanded with immediate effect.
2. That the Co-opted Advisors for the Allotments Sub-committee be offered a place on the Environment Committee for Allotment issues.

(NC)

Meeting ended at 7.40pm.

Chairman

Signed

Dated