

## BARNSTAPLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE meeting held on MONDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7.00pm in The Guildhall, Butchers Row, Barnstaple.

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

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

### EN09 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence, as recorded on the attendance sheet were received from Cllr Mrs J Hunt (Mayoral engagement).

### EN10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS RECEIVED

Cllr I Roome declared an interest as a member of North Devon Council but has been granted a dispensation to discuss all items on the agenda, in accordance with SO66

### EN11 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(6.2abs)

### EN12 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN THE TOWN

Members were reported that an article in the local newspaper had been published relating to waste and recycling collection changes in the North Devon area. It reported that North Devon Council were going to run a pilot scheme within North Devon for two areas before a final decision is made on the remaining areas. This scheme would see the waste collection rise to three weekly collections and also the charging of green waste per household, expected to be £36.00 a year. Whilst, the Town Council had contacted Cllr Rodney Cann regarding the scheme and was assured of consultations, this had not taken place.

Members had grave concerns regarding this change and felt that not enough consultation with the public or key organisations in the town had taken place.

Members felt that fly tipping would increase and were particularly worried about multi-occupancy properties.

After some discussion, it was

RESOLVED:

That an officer or lead member for Waste and Recycling at North Devon Council be invited to the next Environment Committee meeting to discuss the changes.

(NC)

EN13      BUDGET 2017-18

Members had a preliminary discussion on the budget for 2017-18. Items to consider in the budget are:

- Replacement of litter bins for recycling bins in the Town Centre
- Maintenance tools
- A second vehicle for the additional member of staff – Members were against a second gator, due to it not being fit for purpose
- Additional grass cutting and verge maintenance funds

RESOLVED: That a draft budget is submitted to the next Committee meeting with the inclusion of the items above.

(NC)

EN14      PLANTED AREAS

Members were submitted a request from a parishioner in Forches, who would like to replace the Cherry tree on the Forches roundabout. Members had concerns over the future maintenance of the tree.

RESOLVED: That the parishioner is given authorisation to plant on the roundabout, however, the Town Council will take no responsibility for future maintenance of the tree.

(7.1.1abs)

EN15      GET BARUM BLOOMING

Members were asked to consider the date for the Get Barum Blooming Community Day as resolved at the last meeting.

Since the last meeting, some members felt that the Tidy Up Our Town and Get Barum Blooming schemes did not merge together. However, the Deputy Town Clerk informed members that both schemes have a considerable amount of administration and the support for Tidy Up Our Town has decreased over the last few years.

Some members felt that the Get Barum Blooming name was misleading and didn't represent what the Town Council was aiming to achieve. Cllr Roome suggested having themes for each community day with an environmental theme for next years.

After much discussion, members

RESOLVED: That the Deputy Town Clerk investigate possible dates for 2017 and report back to the next meeting.

(NC)

EN16      PARISH PATHS

Members were informed that the Parish Path Inspections, Mr and Mrs Wiseman had resigned due to poor health. Mr and Mrs Wiseman had been voluntary inspections for the past 13 years and had given a great amount of commitment and time to the Town Council.

RESOLVED: That the Environment Committee invite Mr and Mrs Wiseman to the next Full Council meeting to receive a gift to thank them for their time and support over the past 13 years.

(NC)

EN17      ALLOTMENTS

Members were reported that a number of Notices to Quit had been issued and a number of vacant plots are to be expected as the annual rents are due from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016.

EN18      IRON BRIDGE

Members were circulated a draft licence agreement for consideration by North Devon Council. Apart from the date being incorrect, members

RESOLVED: That the Deputy Town Clerk be authorised to sign the licence agreement to take on the picnic area next to the Iron Bridge.

Members discussed the possibility of siting litterbins at the picnic site however, felt that North Devon Council support would be needed to empty them.

RESOLVED: That subject to the emptying of the litter bins being agreed by North Devon Council, a sum of £500.00 be allocated for litterbins at the site.

(NC)

Meeting ended at 8.16pm.

Chairman

Signed .....

Dated .....