

**BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES of an ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held in the Committee Room on**  
**MONDAY 22 May 2023 at 6.30pm**

**Present:** Councillor N Jacques (Chairman)  
 Councillors L Bennet, A Chapman, N Pinchbeck, C Thornton and B Troop

**Also Present:** T Davis (Town Clerk)

26. **Elect a Chairman**

AGREED      **Proposed Cllr N Pinchbeck, Seconded Cllr B Troop**  
 To elect Cllr N Jacques as Chairman of the Environment Committee  
**Unanimous**

27. **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr A Watson (Personal)

28. **Elect Vice-Chairman**

AGREED      **Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr B Troop**  
 To elect Cllr A Chapman as Vice-Chairman of the Environment  
 Committee  
**Unanimous**

29. **Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

30. **Minutes of Meeting held on 20 February 2023 approved and confirmed as a correct record at a meeting of the Town Council held on 1 March 2023**

It was noted that these minutes had been signed as a correct record, for action as necessary, at an ordinary meeting of the town council held on 1 March 2023

31. **To approve and adopt Environment Committee Terms of Reference 2023-24**

Cllr Jacques suggested the following amendments.

1. To add responsible to develop and monitor a strategy to achieve net zero by 2030.
2. Responsible to actively seek external funding for projects and initiatives within the remit of the committee.
3. Responsible for the development and review of a new Environment and Sustainability Policy
4. Oversee the Emergency Planning Sub-Committee and its Terms of Reference.

AGREED      **Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr A Chapman**  
 To include the above amendments for approval at Full Council on 7<sup>th</sup>  
 June 2023 following circulation to the Environment Committee.

**Unanimous**

32. **Grass cutting verges and amenity spaces – update**

It was agreed that the grass cutting contract is going well and the town looks really good. The daffodils have been cut on the 4<sup>th</sup> verge cut, however this may have been too soon. There were daffodil leaves remaining on Far Ings and Humber Viewing area. Burgate and Whitecross Street walls to leave a gap. Picnic area will miss the 4<sup>th</sup> cut to give the bulbs that have been planted a chance to grow.

It was suggested to develop a consultation for the town on mowing less verges and identifying which areas this would be welcomed. Town Clerk to contact Partnerships and Services Transportation Department to ask for North Lincolnshire Councils opinion as they fund the grass cutting contract. It was suggested to leaflet a trial area and review at the Environment Working Group.

33. **Town Planters and progress on planting and maintenance**

Town Clerk reported that all of the plants have been purchased and ready to be planted up. It was suggested to relocate the planter near the Job Centre to the corner opposite the Fire Station subject to permission from North Lincolnshire Council. It was also stated that the planter near the Co-op does not do very well. Town Clerk to contact Partnerships and Services Transportation Department to request repair to the planter near the One Stop Shop.

34. **Lamp Post planters project progress**

Town Clerk explained that the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Application has been submitted and a total of £2800 has been applied for which would fund a one year project.

35. **Confirmation of Working Group within the committee and members with remit to determine Terms of Reference to be approved at the next Full Council meeting.**

**AGREED**

**Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr B Troop**

It was agreed that the Working Group will include all Environment Committee members. Terms of Reference to be circulated to all members prior to the next Working Group meeting.

**Unanimous**

36. **Hanging Basket Competition**

**AGREED**

**Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr A Chapman**

Competition to be run on the same format as last year with lots of publicity via the Bartonian, Facebook Page, website and notice boards.

**Unanimous**

37. **Wild Flower Verges**

Wildflower areas at  
Tesco

Ferriby Road  
Ramsden Avenue

Have been re-seeded and will be monitored. It was suggested to obtain a price to re-seed the Butts Road wild flower verge and monitor this year. To add the land opposite Birchdale as a possible new wild flower area and Pasture Road South to Falklands Way. To include on the next Environment Working Group agenda,

There was a suggestion to create Bee corridors within the green spaces and add to the National Map that has been created. It was suggested to letter drop the residents of Bowmandale for feedback on Birchdale area and the Football Club for Pasture Road South to Falklands Way.

**AGREED**      **Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr L Bennet**  
To letter drop residents of Bowmandale and the Football Club for consultation on further wild flower areas on land opposite Birchdale and Pasture Road South to Falkland Way.  
**Unanimous**

38. **Carbon Footprint Calculations**

Cllr L Bennet will share detail of Julies Bicycle a not for profit organisation helping the arts and culture sector with the climate and ecological crisis.

39. **Finger Post Replacement**

Cllr L Bennet will send photos to the Clerks for formatting into the document to prepare to submit to North Lincolnshire Highways Department.

40. **Devolution**

Town Clerk to request an update on the progress of devolved services request to North Lincolnshire Council.

It was suggested also to add a request for an officer to attend a working group meeting who can provide information on current bin allocation to the town and also to discuss any amended better sites for bins, bins that are beyond repair and bins that are in places where they are not used and better places that they can be located to.

41. **Budget**

Remaining budget is £2200.00 for the current financial year 2023-2024

The Chairman, Councillor N Jacques closed the meeting at 19.23

..... Chairman

22 May 2023