

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held in the Committee Room
on MONDAY 13th May 2024 at 18:30

Present: Councillor A Chapman (Vice Chair)
 Councillors L Bennet, N Pinchbeck, C Thornton and A Watson

Also Present: C Clark (Deputy Clerk)

22. **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr N Jacques - Personal
 Cllr B Troop - Personal

23. **Declarations of Interest**

None

24. **Minutes of Meeting held on 1st May 2024 approved and confirmed as a correct record at a meeting of the Town Council to be held on 5 June 2024**

It was noted that these minutes would be presented for confirmation as a correct record, for action as necessary, at an ordinary meeting of the town council to be held on 5 June 2024.

25. **Terms of Reference – to approve and recommend adoption at Full Council on the 5th June 2024**

Amendments agreed:-

Environment Committee 2024-2025, item 4 Powers of the Environment Committee -Authorise expenditure to the Environment Working Group within budget of up to £1000 or the Committee Chair and Town Clerk...

Environment Working Group 2024-2025, item 4 Powers of the Environment Committee – Authorise expenditure of up to £1000 within budget...

Proposed Cllr A Chapman, Seconded Cllr N Pinchbeck

To accept the above amendments to Environment Committee and Environment Working Group Terms of Reference for adoption at 5th June Full Council.

Unanimous

26. **Humber Forest – planting hedges and maintenance**

Councillor L Bennet advised of a scheme, Humber Forest, to get more trees, woodlands and hedgerows planted around the Humber area in urban settings. They provide maintenance support for 5 years, the scheme is free of charge. The Friends of Barton Parks are getting some for Dam Road Park, including fruit trees. It was agreed to add this to the agenda for next Environment Working Group meeting to allow members to come forward with areas within the town to plant trees or hedges.

Proposed Cllr N Pinchbeck , Seconded Cllr L Bennet

For councillors to come up with suggestions for tree and hedgerow planting in Barton for consideration at next Environment Working Group meeting.

Unanimous

27. **Bulb Planting – purchase of bulbs and dates and locations of planting**

Agreed to continue on Caistor Road, plus Picnic area for bluebells, wood anemone and wild garlic. As these bulbs are expensive it was agreed to look for additional funding from North Lincolnshire Council and Barton Lions Club. Cllr L Bennet offer to speak with Carl Beacock at North Lincolnshire Council who she is currently liaising with for Friends of Barton Parks. Prices of these bulbs to be considered at next Environment Working Group meeting.

Proposed Cllr L Bennet, Seconded Cllr A Chapman

To extend bulb planting on Caistor Road and Picnic area with bluebells, wood anemone and wild garlic.

Cllr L Bennet to liaise with North Lincolnshire Council for additional bulbs.

Clerks to contact Barton Lions Club for funding, also prices for bluebells, wood anemone and wild garlic bulbs for consideration at next Environment Working Group Meeting.

Unanimous

28. **Barton Upon Humber Flood Resilience**

Councillor C Thornton advised the Environment Agency would like the town council to make people aware of flooding possibilities and how to help themselves/get help. It was agreed information could be included on a regular basis in the Bartonian.

Proposed Cllr C Thornton, Seconded Cllr A Chapman

To include practical flood prevention advise on a regular basis in the Bartonian.

Unanimous

29. **Wildflower planting and locations – signs to be agreed**

Signs to indicate wildflower area to be sorted with MD Signs as soon as possible and liaise with grass cutting contractor to install. A request from a member of the public for a wildflower area on grass area at junction of Far Ings Road/Humber Road in front of properties on Pine Park. Area to be checked for permission from North Lincolnshire Council before sending letters to properties facing the grass. Grass cutting contractor has advised the PROW have had their first cut. Some areas are difficult to walk due to over grown hedges. This needs reporting to North Lincolnshire Council.

Proposed Cllr L Bennet, Seconded Cllr A Watson

Signs indicating wildflower areas to be arrange as soon as possible.

North Lincolnshire Council to be contact for permission to plant wildflowers on grass area at Far Ings Road/Humber Road in front of properties on Pine Park. Also report PROW hedges to them.

Unanimous

30. **Budget 2024-2025**

The Environment Committee income and expenditure budget information up to 13 May 2024 was noted.

31. **Handy Person – discussion on equipment and job list**

Handy person has been appointed and will start in June 2024, they will work Wednesday to Sunday so able to cover weekend events. It was agreed we should let them advise what equipment is needed, but a cart to carry tools and brushes was thought to be a must. Councillor L Bennet handed out a sample spreadsheet we could possibly use showing sites, work description, equipment and materials required. Councillor Bennet was thanked for her suggestion and agreed for this to be forward to the Clerks for use. A discussion ensued on various jobs they could carry out around the town and how best to prioritize what needs doing first. Possibly breaking the town into areas to cover all jobs in one area before moving to the next rather than doing the same job around the whole town was suggested. Bollard painting would need checking with North Lincolnshire Council, as they installed them. Initially Handy Person will need to carry out training courses, such as Health & Safety, Risk Assessment, Graffiti Removal. All councillors to be sent the spreadsheet and email town council office with suggestions for work the Handy Person could carry out.

Proposed Cllr L Bennet, Seconded Cllr A Chapman

To let Handy Person advise what equipment they need. Contact North Lincolnshire Council for permission to repaint black and gold bollards. All relevant training to be offered. All Councillors to be sent the spreadsheet and email town council office with suggestions for work the Handy Person could carry out.

Unanimous

32. **Updates from Working Group Notes 24th April 2024**

a) Carbon Footprint – Following meeting between Councillor A Watson and Town Clerk, Councillor Watson is doing Zellar Sustainable Business carbon footprint of the Town Council. The 3 main items are who the town council use for Banking, Insurance and Pensions. Pensions with East Riding Pension Fund cannot be changed, our current Insurance company is suitable but banking could be changed to Unity Trust Bank. It was noted the town council banked with them in the past, it was agreed to look into changing Banks. Councillor Watson will do a basic carbon footprint of the Assembly Rooms for targets to hit.

Proposed Cllr A Watson , Seconded Cllr L Bennet

To thank Councillor Watson and the Town Clerk for their work and for the Clerks to look into changed from Lloyds Bank to Unity Trust Bank.

Unanimous

- b) Transport and Highways Officers will be contacted and hope to have an update before next Environment Working Group Meeting.
- c) Councillor L Bennet advised Bartonian now delivered without plastic wrapping.
- d) Councillor L Bennet will contact Fiona, Town Council Admin to discuss sorting Finger Posts.
- e) Councillor A Watson advised nothing happening at Circular Selby so planning to visit similar project which is ongoing in Malton, for further report.

The Vice Chairman, Councillor A Chapman closed the meeting at 7.03pm

..... Vice Chairman

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