



Broadstairs & St Peter's Town Council

ENVIRONMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday 28th September 2022 6PM via Zoom

Present: Chair Cllr B. Bayford, Cllrs R Binks, R Bailey, R.K Binks.

Tree Warden: K McKenzie

Town Clerk: Mrs K Holroyd

Civic & Support Officer: Miss A Barton

11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies from Cllrs Garner and Moore with reason were offered and accepted.

Cllrs Buckley and Dexter were absent.

12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

13. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Members received the minutes of the meeting held on 6th July 2022.

RESOLVED: That the minutes are a true record and can be signed by the chairman at the next meeting.

14. ACTION PLAN

Members received and reviewed the sub-committee's action plan which had been drafted in autumn 2020 and approved by Council in June 2021 and amended at the last meeting on 6th July 2022. Each action point was discussed in turn.

RESOLVED:

- i) Speed limits: To be discussed at the next meeting.**
- ii) Vehicle idling campaign: It was discussed that the Town Clerk had been in contact with local schools to offer them wild flower seeds, bird boxes/hedgehog houses and to understand any idling issues they may have around their schools. The Civic and Support Officer will continue with this project.**
- iii) Public and private transport pledge: Cllr Binks discussed the new bus route formerly 37. The bus service is likely to start in early December 2022 to replace the former No 37 bus route. The Civic and Support Officer is to share this information with the public once KCC release the information.**

- iv) **Encourage and preserve hedgehog population:** After a meeting with KCC Officers, they are now investigating a less formal option for small mammal signs.
- v) **Encourage and preserve bird population:** The swift box has now been sold to North Wales Wildlife Trust. The RSPB are to advice on locations for new swift boxes for Broadstairs.
- vi) **Increase the number of street trees:** Cllr R Binks and the Tree Warden suggest meeting with KCC regarding possible sites.
- vii) **Additional park and memorial planting:** Keep item on plan, ongoing.
- viii) **Information about trees for residents:** The Tree Warden has produced this information. The Civic & Support Officer has shared this on the Town Council website and social media pages and will continue to share this information regularly.
- ix) **Memorial menu:** Town Clerk and Civic and Support Officer to create a menu with the aim of marketing it in December 2022- Ongoing.
- x) **Farmer engagement:** To consider in new year 2023
- xi) **Pierremont Park:** To consider in new year 2023
- xii) **Broadstairs in Bloom:** This project is very successful and should remain in the plan – continuing with seed project. To be discussed next meeting.
- xiii) **Investigate taking on Albion Street toilets:** Leave in plan
- xiv) **Review the role of the planning committee:** Cllr B Bayford will speak to senior officers at TDC about how the Town Council can have greater input into the planning process- Lobby for TPOs to cover grouped trees.
- xv) **Neighbourhood Plan:** leave in plan. Some items of the action plan form part of Community Projects on Neighbourhood Plan
- xvi) **Rubbish bins:** Leave on plan. Note that a bin has been provided for Mocketts Wood by BSPTC. Volunteers currently empty bins, this is however proving onerous. BSPTC are monitoring the situation and will step in if necessary.
- xvii) **Litter:** Keep in plan and consider making it the focus of this autumn's Town Forum. To discuss at meeting with Mark Greening.
- xviii) **Graffiti:** Keep in plan. Task force to report back at next meeting. Cllr Bailey suggested a reporting line for graffiti.
- xix) **Planters in public spaces:** Operations Officer has refurbished all planters and notice boards and added Town Council Plaques.
- xx) **Recycling:** Civic Support Officer to create content to publicise smaller recycling venues such as Boots, Savers and Co-op. To discuss recycling with Mark greening at meeting.

15. BROADSTAIRS IN BLOOM

Members received and considered the tender documents due to be advertised in the coming months for the Broadstairs in Bloom contract commencing 2022 to 2024.

It was discussed that the roundabout outside Wellesley school is in need of

enhancement to look more inviting when entering Broadstairs.

RESOLVED:

- i. **That the tender is to be changed to quote for annuals only and traders' baskets will be a maximum of 120. Once this document is amended with the agreed changes this can then be shared on the government contract finder website, the Town Council website and Social Media pages.**
- ii. **Cllrs Bayford and Binks are to contact TDC and KCC regarding the Wellesley roundabout to suggest refurbishment.**

16. LAND ADJACENT TO BROMSTONE ROUNDABOUT

Civic and Support Officer discussed meeting with Cllr Garner and Riverside housing Riverside Housing Association. It was noted that the Town Council are interested in developing the small patch of land into a managed bio-diversity area thereby reducing the likelihood of it overgrowing.

RESOLVED:

The Civic & Support Officer and Cllr Garner are to meet to draft a proposal for Riverside housing. it was agreed that this proposal will include a full list of item costing.

17. HIP (Highway Improve Plan)

The Town Clerk reported that herself, the Civic Support Officer, Cllrs Binks, Bayford and Garner had attended a meeting via zoom with three KCC Officers to discuss the Town Councils HIP. After extensive conversations with the KCC Officers, several documents have been sent to the Town Council to support the Town Councils HIP.

RESOLVED: The documents supplied by KCC are to be circulated with councillors to be discussed at the next environment sub-committee meeting on 23rd November.

18. SWIFT BOX

The Town Clerk reported that the Large swift box has been sold at cost to the North Wales Wildlife Trust. It was advised that council should find new locations before purchasing the further 2 swift boxes requested by council. It was noted by the Volunteer Tree Warden, Karen McKenzie that swift boxes can be erected at any time before spring.

RESOLVED: That the Volunteer Tree Warden is to report back to members at the next meeting regarding the outcome of a scheduled RSPB meeting. The RSPB members will recommend possible swift box locations.

19. TOWN FORUM /PLASTIC FREE BROADSTAIRS

After extensive discussions it was agreed that Plastic Free Broadstairs are to be invited to the Council meeting on 10th October 2022 to introduce their organisation to the council.

RESOLVED: Plastic free Broadstairs are to be invited to present at the 10th October Council meeting with the intention of then

attending the Town Forum on 17th October 2022.

**20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 6pm Wednesday 23rd November 2022 in
Pierremont Hall**

Meeting closed at 7:28

Signed _____ Date _____