



Broadstairs & St Peter's Town Council

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

**Wednesday 27th September 2023 Pierremont Hall Council Chamber
6pm**

Present: Chair Cllr Joanne Bright, vice chair Cllr Kevin Pressland, Steve Roberts.

Civic & Support Officer: Ms. A Barton

Volunteer Tree Warden: Ms. K McKenzie

1 Member of the public- Speaker Paul Verrell

66. CHAIRS WELCOME OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

To remind those present of the following:

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67. APOLOGIES

Apologies were given and accepted for Councillors Colin Kemp.
Councillors Paul Moore and Charlie Leys were absent.

68. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

69. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5th July 2023. were **RECEIVED** and **APPROVED**.

70. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THE AGENDA

None.

71. HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

- i. Members RECEIVED and REVIEWED the Town Councils current HIP.
Cllr Bright and the Civic and Support Officer updated members regarding a meeting they attended with KCC relating to the HIP.
- ii. Resident Paul Verrall addressed the Council with his concerns with ongoing traffic issues in Luton Avenue and surrounding areas. Mr Verrall requested that the Town Council could investigate 20MPH speed restrictions in the area.

RESOLVED:

- i. It was AGREED by all Members that the HIP is to stay as is, until Cllr Bright has received a response from Stone Bay School regarding their highway issues. Once this update has been received, the committee is to add this to the HIP at the next relevant meeting.**
- ii. It was AGREED by all members that the committee is to revisit the 20s Plenty Campaign. The Civic and Support Officer is to share previous research with committee members.**
- iii. It was AGREED by all members that the Civic and Support Officer is to create an online form to share with residents and learn of locations where 20mph limits are required in residential areas only.**

72. ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLAN

- i. Councillors REVIEWED the Environmental Action Plan.
- ii. Councillor Pressland addressed council with a report on the need for memorial trees for residents and potential locations for planting. Further discussions were had regarding tree options and potential prices. It was noted that the land suggested was not owned by the Town Council but Thanet District Council.
- iii. Councillor Bright discussed Ward Councillor litter picks.

RESOLVED:

- i) It was AGREED by all members that the Environmental Action Plan is to no longer be used as the newly drafted Full Council Action Plan has absorbed this as well as creating new action plan points. It was AGREED that All Environmental related action points/ projects approved by full Council will be actioned by the Environmental Committee.**
- ii) It was AGREED by all members that Councillor Pressland is to expand the current report to include costs and draft a proposal for TDC. It was AGREED by all members that the new draft of documents is to be shared with the Committee and once approved can be sent to Thanet Distict Council Open Spaces Team.**
- iii) Members ACKNOWLEDGED the Ward Councillors Litter picks. The Civic and Support Officer is to create content advertising litter pick dates.**

73. TREE PLANTING

Members RECIEVED an update from the Civic and Support Officer regarding Osborn Road tree planting and meadowing. It was noted that an application has been sent to KCC by the Civic & Support Officer for the following trees to be planted:

Walnut tree (*Juglans regia*) and or Black Walnut *Juglans nigra*, as advised by Cllr Pressland.

It was noted that the Civic and Support Officer had requested and received a cultivation permit from KCC to start meadowing the grass areas of Osbourn Road.

RESOLVED:

- i) That the Civic and Support Officer is to continue to chase KCC regarding lead time on tree planting.**
- ii) The Civic and Support Officer is to complete the Cultivation Permit and to research quotes for readying the ground for the wildflower seeds.**
- iii) It was AGREED by all members that Osborne Road planting and meadowing will be used as a trial project before Council are to take over other pockets of land for this project.**

74. BROADSTAIRS IN BLOOM

Members RECEIVED and REVIEWED the current In Bloom tender document and DISCUSSED other uses for the In Bloom budget.

RESOLVED:

- i) After extensive discussions it was AGREED that the tender document is to be updated in line with other Council tender documents.**
- ii) It was AGREED by all members that the lamp column hanging baskets and bandstand hanging baskets are to be removed from the tender.**
- iii) It was agreed by all members that the Town Council planters and Traders Baskets scheme are to remain on the Tender with the stipulation that peat free compost be used.**
- iv) It was to be noted that The Town Council are not to replace the Bandstand Baskets after this season and that a member of the committee is to check on the condition of the basket.**

75. TAPS & OUTLETS PROJECT

A verbal update was RECEIVED from Councillor Bright and Civic & Support Officer regarding a meeting they attended with TDC officer and project lead – Lisa Collingwood. It was noted that the project had changed drastically from when it was first brought to the Town Council and had developed into a taps and showers project for coastal areas.

Members received a images and costings of tap units and potential locations advised by Ms Collingwood.

RESOLVED:

- i) It was AGREED by all members that the Town Council will pledge further funds to the already agreed £2500 to purchase a ELKAY outdoor bottle refill station with the location of install on Victoria Promenade. (Current guide price of this unit is £3,432)**
- ii) It was AGREED by all members the Promenade bottle unit will be a trial for possible future units in other locations.**
- iii) The Civic & Support Officer is to contact Project Lead and TDC Officer Lisa Collingwood to inform her of the decided pledge and to invite her to a meeting as soon as possible.**

76. WE ARE WATCHING YOU CAMPAIGN

Members RECEIVED a verbal report from the Civic & Support officer that the signs had now been delivered and will be put in place once the Town Council has received a logo sticker delivery.

RESOLVED:

- i) It was AGREED by all members that the Corex Boards and A4 Stickers will be placed by the operations officer and will be used to target one area to begin with.**

77. LAND ADJACENT TO BROMESTONE ROUNDABOUT- RIVERSIDE HOUSING.

Members RECEIVED and acknowledged a land design plan from Councillor Pressland.

RESOLVED:

- i) After extensive discussions it was agreed that Councillor Pressland would contact Bromstone Primary school and his fellow Ward Councillors in relation to this project.**

78. BUDGET

Members DISCUSSED budget requirements for the Civic Year 2024/25

RESOLVED:

After extensive discussions, it AGREED by all members that they will stay with the current budget requirements and will approach Full Council if this committee requires more funding.

79. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of next meeting: 6pm Wednesday 22nd November 2023

20:02PM meeting closed.