



# Broadstairs & St Peter's Town Council

## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Environmental Committee meeting held 7pm on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

Cllrs Present: Chair Joanne Bright, Vice Chair Steve Roberts, Kevin Pressland, Mike Garner, Paul Moore.

Officer: Abigail Barton – Civic & Support Officer

Before the meeting commenced, the Chairman, Cllr J Bright welcomed everyone and drew their attention to the openness and transparency legislation confirmed in several notices around the room.

### **32. CHAIRS WELCOME OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY**

To remind those present of the following:

The right to record, film or broadcast any meetings of the Council, committees and subcommittees is established following the Local Government Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

### **33. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies with reason were given by Cllr Kemp and Hobson, these were accepted by resolution of the committee

### **34. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

### **35. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 16th September 2024 can be approved and duly signed as a true record by the Chairman.

### **36. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THE AGENDA**

None received.

### **37. QUESTIONS AND/OR OBSERVATIONS FROM THE ELECTORATE OF BROADSTAIRS AND ST PETER'S**

None received.

### **38. TRAFFIC WORKING MEETING**

Members received an update from the Civic & Support Officer regarding the Traffic working Party Meeting that took place with KCC, TDC and Kent Speed watch on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024. It was noted that the meeting went well, and conversations were positive. Members also received the Power Point presentation showed to KCC, TDC and Speed watch, breaking down the top 5 areas and traffic issues. Members were asked to consider the next steps offered to the Town Council by KCC and Speed watch.

**RESOLVED:**

**HIP ADDITIONS:**

**It was agreed by all members that they are to support a HIP bid of a "20 MPH Scheme" in Broadstairs, in the following 5 areas highlighted to KCC and speed watch:**

Area 1- Beacon RD. Reading ST. Callis CT. Grange Rd. Nth Dwn Hill RD.

Area 2- Brassey Av. Rosemary Av. Ramsgate RD.

Area 3- Broadstairs General (Town)

Area 4- Church St. Vicarage ST. Nth Dwn RD

Area 5- Luton Ave. Seafield. Osbourne. Swinburn Ave. The Vale.

**It was agreed by all members that the 2<sup>nd</sup> HIP bid will be the addition of a request for 20 MPH zones in Broadstairs, creating temporary 20MPH zones during school times only. The first road to be investigated is Broadstairs Road.**

**Investigating Traffic issues:**

**It was agreed by all members that the Town Council is to continue working with Speed Watch and KCC to investigate issues further and explore solutions. The Town Council is to contact local resident groups and volunteers who have shown interest in facilitating speed watch.**

**The Town council is to investigate if KCC have any "heavy goods" restrictions for narrow roads.**

### **39. TRAFFIC COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Members received the following update from the Civic & support officer; it was noted that during the Traffic Working Party meeting, the Town Council expressed their concerns regarding the number of accidents involving children around schools in Thanet. Council officers had undertaken some research before the meeting by contacting local teachers in Thanet to ask if they teach traffic safety at their schools; they were surprised to hear they did not. KCC expressed their own concerns that local schools do not respond to them when they reach out with resources.

Following discussions, it was agreed that the Town Council and Cllr J Bright would use the connections Cllr J Bright has created in her role as the Schools Liaison Councillor, to reach out to the local community and schools to help spread the word of KCC resources. As part of this outreach, the Town Council will contact all the members of the community who filled out the TIDS form, for an update.

#### **RESOLVED:**

**Members agreed that Cllr Bright is to engage with schools and liaise with KCC to share resources.**

**The Civic and Support officer is to chase KCC Officer Adrian for resources and to draft a letter to residents to update them on the TIDS project and speed watch.**

### **40. FOSTERS AVENUE MEADOW PROJECT**

Members received the following update from the Civic and Support Officer; Unfortunately, following several meetings with TDC and investigations into the services, TDC have informed the town council (at the point when the licence conditions were being agreed) that the land does not belong to them, but is KCC owned. It appears there was a mistake with their mapping. The Town Clerk is currently in discussions with KCC regarding alternative sites. The C & S Officer is also looking to work further with TDC to find another site that they own which is appropriate to plant on.

#### **Resolved:**

**All members agreed the Civic and support Officer is to contact KCC to continue pressuring Fosters Avenue as a planting location.**

**It was noted that the nature of communications with KCC are to be left to the officer's discretion.**

### **41. TAPS PROJECT With TDC**

Members received the following update from the Civic and Support Officer, TDC have informed The Civic & Support Officer that they have not yet completed the project. They have a further fountain left to install in Margate and Ramsgate and there will be no funding remaining after this, meaning any new projects will need to be budgeted for and

investigated outside of this initial project. TDC have been informed that the Town Council do have a budget for a new unit.

It is noted that TDC are to update the Town Council once they have finished the agreed six installations, hopefully by end November.

It was discussed at the last meeting that the boardwalk on Viking Bay needed to be extended as the design is making it difficult for beach users to wash without getting covered in sand again. Due to this, users were then using our new water tap to wash their feet.

TDC have responded to the C & S Officers query, that there are costs for a board walk extension, however they will add the boardwalk to their end of year review to investigate for next season.

**Resolved:**

**Members agreed to note the above.**

**Members noted that the Town Council is not to give further funds to the board walk extension as this is an issue TDC have caused and will need to rectify.**

**42. LAND AT FAIRFILED AND RUMFIELDS / RIVERSIDE**

Members received two draft documents supplied by the Town Clerk, documents to support the investigation and viability of this project, a Risk Analysis and a Full Risk Assessment.

Members also received land surveys detailing gas and electric under the land. The main concern at this time is the possibility of electrical cables under the land, which could cause danger to those who will work on the land if the Town Council is to take it on.

**RESOLVED:**

**Members agreed to note and are happy to adopt the documents with further information regarding the colour coding.**

**The Civic & Support officer is to investigate further electrical services such as fibre, under this site.**

**43. BROADSTAIRS IN BLOOM CONTACT**

Members received Box Greens updated contract that was agreed for approval. Members noted they are happy for the contract to be signed with amendments to be made.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the contract be signed with the following amendments made: removal of "when the use of the above is deemed necessary", and that mention of Forsters Avenue is generalised and moneys ring fenced for use of another meadow site once approval is granted.**

**44. BUDGET**

**The following budget recommendations were agreed for F&GP confirmation:**

**Broadstairs in Bloom - £20, 000**

**Tree Planting Budget - £5,000**

**Environmental initiatives £5,000**

**Traffic initiatives - £10,000**

**45. PROPOSED FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS & DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Date of next meeting 7pm Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Meeting Closed at 20:15pm

