

BILLERICAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Health, Well-Being and Environment Committee meeting
held remotely via Zoom on Tuesday 13th October 2020 at 7.00pm

Chairman: Cllr M Moore
Vice-Chairman: Absent
Councillors: A Adshead, C Dyer, C Roberts, M Thomas, J Tutton

Also in attendance the Town Clerk

110. Apologies for absence

Cllrs M Dear, J Devlin, D Spencer

111. Declarations of interest with regard to items on the Agenda

Cllr Roberts declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item7(b) as he knows one of the videographers.

112. Public Participation session with respect to items on the Agenda

There were none.

113. Minutes of the Health, Well-being and Environment Committee meeting held on 5th August 2020

Members received and considered the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5th August 2020.

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th August 2020 be approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

114. Health, Well-Being & Environment Committee Accounts

Members received and considered a copy of the accounts from 1st April 2020 to 7th October 2020.

Resolved: that the information be noted.

115. Working Party/Project Group Minutes

(a) Christmas Lights WP Meeting held 7th October 2020. Cllr Clark advised those present that the working party has been looking at enhancing the High Street lights – 4 more trees would be lit on Sun Corner plus there will be a real lit Christmas tree outside the Chantry Centre. The cost of the lights is £3,900 and a 20ft. Christmas tree is being provided by Skippers at a cost of £450. There is to be no switch on or tree lighting event this year due to the Covid-19 restrictions, but the lights will go on earlier to encourage shoppers to the High Street.

Resolved: information noted.

116. **Mayflower Statue**

Members received and considered the following:

- (a) John Doubleday has informed the Town Clerk that he is aiming for an installation date of 10th November.
- (b) Members considered quotations from two companies and Cllr Tutton proposed that Marc Coleman is awarded the contract at a cost of £850. Seconded by Cllr Thomas.

Resolved: that the video to promote the statue installation is made by Marc Coleman.

- (c) The project has been awarded a £3,250 grant from the Essex County Council Locality Fund which was proposed by County Cllr Dr R Moore. Members approved that a vote of thanks to Cllr Moore is minuted and that a formal letter is also sent.
- (d) Members were advised that the current project shortfall is £8,860 and reviewed the various unspent budget lines for projects/events which were unable to take place this year due to Covid-19. The cost of the video will come from the Ad-Hoc Events Budget.

Recommendation: that unspent amounts from Health, Well-being & Environment budget lines are moved as appropriate (“virement”) to cover the shortfall in the Mayflower statue project.

117. **Festival Gardens/Jim Shields Maintenance**

Members were reminded that Skippers had been awarded the maintenance contract for Jim Shields and Festival Gardens for an initial one year period. As IDC Greenscapes would not be continuing with the High Street planting next year they are ineligible for the grounds maintenance contract. Cllr Moore therefore proposed that Skippers is asked to continue with the contract for a further two years. Seconded by Cllr Thomas.

Resolved: that Skippers Ground Maintenance continues to maintain Festival Gardens and Jim Shields until 2023.

118. **Skatepark**

The Town Clerk advised members that she had been approached by various residents to find out what is happening at the skatepark and whether there is a project group they can join. Members agreed that the Chantry Centre had taken priority but Cllr Clark suggested once that is finished then the Town Council should look at the provision of a new youth facility. The Town Clerk was asked to find out about how much the new skatepark in Basildon was expected to cost and bring that back to the next meeting, Members will then use that information to make a decision as to how best to take the project forward.

Resolved: information noted.

119. Remembrance Sunday

Members received a copy of a statement prepared by BTC, RBL Billericay Branch and Rev Paul Carr which sets out what will be happening in Billericay on November 8th and will be circulated to advise residents that they should adhere to Government guidelines and not attend the High Street.

Resolved: Information noted.

120. Items for consideration for Social Media/Press Release

- Remembrance Sunday
- Reminder of pandemic guidance

Cllr M Moore
Chairman of the Committee

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45pm

Chairman:..... Date: