

BILLERICAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held in the Coach House
on Tuesday 27th November 2018 at 7.00pm

Chairman: Cllr M Moore
Vice-Chairman: Cllr D Spencer
Councillors: A Adshead, R Chapman, J Clark, M Dear, J Devlin, C Roberts,
M Thomas, J Tutton

Also in attendance the Town Clerk

55. Apologies for absence

Cllr C Dyer.

56. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Adshead declared an interest in Item 10 (b) as he is a member of the Art Trail.

57. Public Participation session with respect to items on the Agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

None.

58. Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 16th October 2018

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

59. Environment Committee Accounts

(a) Members received a copy of the accounts in respect of the Environment Committee from 1st April 2018 to 22nd November 2018.

Resolved: information noted.

60. Working Party/Project Group Minutes

Members received and considered the following minutes;

a) Christmas Lights WP meeting held on 18th October 2018.

b) Tree Wardens PG meeting held on 13th November 2018. The Town Clerk informed those present that there will be a meeting held with Basildon Borough Council on 12th December to discuss the way forward with regard to TPO applications.

Resolved: that the above minutes are approved and adopted.

61. Christmas Lights

Members considered the following:

a) general feedback from the Switch On Event held 24th November. Cllr Clark said that it had been a successful event and that the reservations about holding it at Sun Corner had been unfounded. The stage worked well, and as it was a bigger stage the band could leave

their larger instruments in place. The choirs have increased in size each year and there were at least as many attendees as in previous years. There has been good feedback on social media, with not that many negative comments. It is one of the flagship events of BTC but sadly was not supported by enough councillors. Those that were there helping would have struggled without the support of the Billericay Lions, and lack of council helpers meant that members were not able to take regular breaks as this would have left Sun Corner with no stewards.

b) members were asked to approve £3,825 expenditure from Christmas Lights Earmarked Reserves for emergency infrastructure work, required as 10 column motifs were not working when installed. This was due to either no electricity supply from the lamp column or a faulty connection socket. Cllr Moore proposed approval of this amount which was seconded by Cllr Devlin.

Resolved: that expenditure of £3,825 for the electrical work is approved.

c) revised budget line 2019/20. Cllr Adshead proposed an increase from £17,405 to £21,000 as this will cover the event cost and the purchase of two additional sets of tree lights at Sun Corner. Seconded by Cllr Thomas.

Recommendation: that the Christmas Lights budget 2019/20 is £21,000 for the lights and event and £1,000 for electricity.

62. War Memorial

Members received and considered the following information:

a) Spacehive Crowdfunding project - total required £3,735, total pledged as at 27th November is £3,558. A 10% grant payment is still due from Basildon Borough Council so the target will be reached.

b) details of the total amount received offline towards the There but Not There Tommy Silhouettes.

Resolved: information noted.

63. Bus Shelters

Members considered a proposal from Cllr Adshead that the Council looks into providing advertising space on the Council's bus shelters. He suggested this could be something that the Town Council contracted out to generate a small amount of revenue.

Resolved: The Town Clerk will investigate this proposal further for reporting back to a future meeting after carrying out an inventory of the Town Council's shelters.

64. Items for Information

Members received the following:

a) Income and Expenditure details from the Festival of Remembrance concert.

b) feedback letter from the Chairman of Billericay Art Trail.

Resolved: information noted.

65. Items for Consideration for Social Media/Press Release

Monies raised for the charities at the Festival of Remembrance - details to be publicised via social media.

66. Questions from the Press and Public

None

Cllr M Moore

Chairman of the Committee

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.58pm

Signed:.....Date: