

## BILLERICAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Health, Well-Being and Environment Committee meeting held in the Coach House on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 at 7.00pm

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

**Also in attendance:** the Town Clerk

**88. Apologies for absence**

Cllr K Herlock

**89. Declarations of Interest**

None.

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

No members of the public were present.

**91. Minutes of the Health, Well-Being and Environment Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020**

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

**92. H,W & Environment Committee Accounts**

(a) Members received a copy of the accounts in respect of the H, W & Environment Committee from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

**Resolved:** information noted.

**93. Working Party/Project Group Minutes**

Members received and considered the following:

**(a) Tree Wardens Project Group – meetings held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January and 26<sup>th</sup> February.**

Cllr Devlin informed members that there is a potential development site in Lampern Crescent up for auction which the tree wardens are aware of and keeping an eye on.

**Resolved:** information noted.

**94. Tenders**

**(a) Jim Shields and Festival Gardens Maintenance**

Members received a report detailing all tenders received for the contract. Discussion took place and Cllr Devlin proposed that a one year contract is offered to Skippers Grounds Maintenance. Seconded by Cllr Dear.

**Resolved:** that Skippers Ground Maintenance is awarded the contract for one year.

**(b) Hanging Baskets/War Memorial/High Street Planters**

Members received a report detailing all tenders received for the contract. Discussion took place and Cllr Dear suggested that the Council should be supporting local businesses. Cllr Thomas therefore proposed that a one year contract is offered to Greenscapes. Seconded by Cllr Spencer.

**Resolved:** that Greenscapes is awarded the contract for one year.

**95. Action on Climate Change and Environmental Crisis**

Cllr Devlin spoke about the email that had been sent to all councillors by the Mayflower Women’s Institute Climate Ambassador. He had sent a holding response which sets out what the Council is doing and explaining the limited powers and abilities that local councils have. Members agreed that a lot of what the Council does is hidden, and Cllr Dear suggested publicising Council initiatives in the Town Crier; such as no single use plastics, and the provision of a bicycle store in the new building. She also said that members have a natural concern for their environment which is one of the reasons they become town councillors.

**Resolved:** That the use of the Town Council website is broadened to encompass green issues and to publicise how residents can become more aware of them.

**96. BBC Grant for VE Day Celebrations**

Basildon Borough Council are offering up to £1,600 for community groups towards VE Day celebrations. Members discussed the best way to publicise this funding and it was:

**Resolved:** that the money is applied for by the Town Council who will then be responsible for distributing it to the community groups.

**97. Items for Information**

**(a)** Cllr Moore will be attending a meeting at County Hall on 20<sup>th</sup> March to receive details of the Essex-wide Bus Shelter project from Essex County Council. This scheme will establish a long-term contract for a better bus shelter estate incorporating all maintenance, cleaning, replacement and supply of shelters which will be paid for by advertising.

**98. Items for Consideration for Social Media/Press Release**

(i) Green items under Minute 95

**99. Questions from the Press and Public**

None.

Cllr M Moore  
Chairman of the Committee

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.44pm

Signed:.....Date: .....