



Billericay Town Council

YOUR QUALITY COUNCIL

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Chairman: Cllr Jo Clark

19th October 2022

Dear Sir or Madam,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **HEALTH, WELL-BEING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** to be held in the **Council Chamber at the Chantry Centre, Chantry Way, Billericay CM11 2AP on Tuesday 25th October 2022 at 7pm** when the under mentioned business is proposed to be transacted.

Yours faithfully,

Deborah Tonkiss
Town Clerk

Chairman: Cllr M Moore

Vice-Chairman: Cllr K Mordecai

Councillors: J Clark, L Clark, M Dear, M Mordecai, E Sainsbury, D Spencer, M Thomas, J Tutton, D Wakefield

Members are reminded that they should declare an interest, where appropriate, with regard to items on the Agenda.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence**
2. **Members to declare an interest with regard to items on the Agenda**
3. **Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest**
Members of the public to be invited to speak on any matters contained within the agenda and which are of mutual interest.
4. **Previous minutes of the Health, Well-being and Environment Committee Meeting**
 - (i) to receive and consider the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5th July 2022
 - (ii) to receive and consider the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th September 2022
(copies herewith)

5. Health, Well-Being & Environment Committee Accounts

To receive and consider the following:

- (a)** a copy of the accounts in respect of the Health, Well-Being and Environment Committee from 1st April 2022 to 19th October 2022 (**herewith**)
- (b)** to retrospectively approve the purchase of one additional litter bin (four were originally approved at H,W & Env min. 11 on 24.5.22) from Basildon Borough Council at a cost of £579. Total spend was £2,898 for five bins.

6. Minutes of Working Parties/Project Groups

Members to receive and consider the following minutes:

- (a)** Christmas Lights WP meeting held on 30th September 2022 (**copy herewith**)

7. Countryside Walks Leaflets

Further to Minute 21 from H, W and Env 5.7.22 members are advised that Cllr Thomas has now undertaken all the walks in both leaflets and his revisions to the guides have been sent to and actioned by the designer. The cost of reprints are as follows:

500 each x 2 = £817

1,000 each x 2 = £997

8. Wilder Towns

Cllr May is a volunteer for Essex Wildlife Trust and has asked to draw the Committee's attention to their 'Wilder Towns, Wilder Villages' initiative. This scheme aims to promote biodiversity through the wilding of open spaces and ecological corridors and EWT are offering support and guidance to local councils to promote and facilitate such projects. Members to consider and discuss whether the Town Council sign up to this to support any local groups that undertake the scheme.

9. Recycling Bins

A resident contacted the Town Clerk saying that she regularly undertakes litter picks, but a lot of the litter she collects is recyclable and there is nowhere to place it. Members to consider identifying suitable locations around the town and forwarding these to Basildon with a request to instal recycling bins. Members are advised that a proposed budget line of £3,000 will be made available in the 2023/24 budget.

10. Contracts Expiring 2023

Members are reminded that the following contracts are up for renewal next year – **(i)** Festival Gardens and Jim Shields grounds maintenance, and; **(ii)** Hanging baskets and High Street planting, and are therefore asked to consider and discuss the following:

(a) Festival Gardens/Jim Shields - Skippers have quoted for a one year extension of the existing contract at a cost of £3,730.00. As a reminder the current contract cost is £3,970.

(b) Hanging baskets and High Street planting. Members have already been made aware that the existing lamp column basket fixings are not fit for purpose so can no longer be used. However, the lamp columns are due to be replaced by Basildon Borough Council in early 2023 and therefore the Clerk recommends that no action is taken until the new columns are in place and the Town Council knows exactly what the container requirements are.

11. Tree Wardens

Members to receive and consider the following:

- (a)** Pilgrim 400 Apple Trees – update re their new home in Burstead Churchyard. The Church has now given permission to install the plaque at ground level by one of the trees (awaiting photograph).

(b) September Newsletter (copy herewith)

(c) Tree felling Norsey Road – to receive copies of letters sent to the Forestry Commission (herewith)

12. Proposal re Resident's Well-Being

Cllr Adshead has submitted a proposal for members to consider the Town Council establishing a source of information which highlights activities/groups targeting people who are socially isolated and/or who would like a bit of company. **(see attached document)**

13. Commemoration for HM Queen Elizabeth II

Members to consider and discuss a proposal from the Chairman of BDRA about whether the Town Council would consider placing some form of commemoration for the late monarch in the Town. There is also a suggestion that various community groups would contribute towards the cost.

14. Items for Information

(a) Removal of APC – the electricity supply has been removed however the water wholesaler has not yet scheduled disconnection. They are permitted to take 90 days from date of raising it on their system (25th July) to undertake the work. The Town Clerk has chased again on 23rd October and informed Anglian Water that no further bills will be paid.

(b) Cllr Devlin led two very successful Town Trail walks on 21st August and 24th September

(c) Warm Space Initiative – a local resident is liaising with the BBW Volunteer Network about finding suitable premises at minimal cost to provide a heating hub in each of Basildon, Billericay, Wickford, Laindon and Pitsea. The Chantry Centre has been offered but finding regular availability is proving difficult.

(d) Essex Highways Users Survey - all Parish & Town Councils, and individual District, City and Borough Councillors and County Members within Essex County Council's area, plus a range of other private and public organisations are invited to offer their view on the priorities and satisfaction levels associated with the specific services provided by Essex Highways. This years' survey is open from Tuesday 11th October 2022 to Wednesday 4th January 2023. To access the survey use the following link [Essex Highways User Survey](#)

15. Items for Consideration for Social Media/Press Release

16. Questions from the Press and Public

Those present may ask a question about anything on the agenda or any other matter that is of mutual interest.

The Public and Press are cordially invited to attend

Please contact the Town Clerk for further information