

## BILLERICAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Health, Well-Being and Environment Committee meeting  
held in the Main Hall, The Chantry Centre, Chantry Way, CM11 2AP  
on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 at 7.00pm

**Chairman:** Cllr M Moore  
**Vice-Chairman:** Cllr K Mordecai  
**Councillors:** A Adshead, J Clark, M Dear, J Devlin, M Mordecai,  
M Thomas, J Tutton (appointed substitute), D Wakefield

Also in attendance the Town Clerk

### 78. Apologies for absence

Cllrs E Sainsbury, D Spencer

### 79. Declarations of interest with regard to items on the Agenda

None.

### 80. Public Participation session with respect to items on the Agenda

None.

### 81. Minutes of the Health, Well-being and Environment Committee held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Members received and considered the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

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

### 82. Health, Well-Being & Environment Committee Accounts

Members received and considered the following:

a) a copy of the accounts from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022

**Resolved:** that the information regarding the accounts is noted.

### 83. Minutes of Working Parties/Project Groups

Members received and considered the following minutes:

(a) Billericay in Bloom WP held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Cllr Moore informed members that the event would not be going ahead in 2022 which is due to a combination of the schools not being available to take part and the Platinum Jubilee event taking up a lot of staff time

(b) Events WP held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Cllr Clark presented the minutes and informed members that the beacon lighting event on 2<sup>nd</sup> June is progressing well. Over the Bank

Holiday weekend the Rotary Club are also holding the Soapbox Derby on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, a Music Festival on 4<sup>th</sup> June and Basildon Council are organising the Big Lunch picnic event in Lake Meadows on 5<sup>th</sup> June.

**(c)** Public Facilities PG held on 14<sup>th</sup> February. Cllr M Mordecai said that a fact finding meeting has been arranged with Healthmatic for 10<sup>th</sup> March and will be reported back to the next H,W and Environment meeting. Cllr Moore suggested that in the meantime a letter should be sent to Borough Cllr Stuart Sullivan asking Basildon to consider installing a toilet.

**Resolved:** **(i)** that Basildon Council are approached about installing a public facility when the APC is removed, and; **(ii)** that in all other respects the minutes of the above meetings are approved and adopted.

#### **84. Outwood Common Play Area**

Members received and considered the notes from the meeting held with local residents on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Since the meeting a flier has been distributed to all nearby homes asking for opinions and suggestions and the Sunnymede PTA has held a competition in the school for pupils to design play equipment. Cllr Devlin said he had been informed that Basildon Borough Council were intending to invest £60,000 in Outwood Common in 2027. Cllr Dear said the thoughts of Borough councillors should not influence the direction of the Town Council. Cllr Adshead said it would appear that the Borough are not talking to the Town Council about their initiatives and this is something they should be doing.

**Resolved:** **(i)** that the Town Clerk speaks to BBC officers to inform them that this equipment belongs to the Town Council, we have leased the site from the London Borough of Waltham Forest until 2033, and that the Town Council intends replacing the play equipment well before 2027.

#### **85. Skatepark**

Members were advised that further to Minute 73 from Health, Well-Being and Environment Committee on 4.1.22 the following quotations had been received to remove the half pipe which is in a poor state of repair.

Basildon Borough Council - £2,400.00

Radii Ramps - £1,250.00

**Resolved:** that Radii Ramps remove the half pipe at a cost of £1,250.00

Basildon Council had also provided a quotation for removal of the hardstanding for the wooden skatepark. Following discussion it was:

**Resolved:** that The Town Council would not pay for removal of the hard standing as the park belongs to Basildon Borough Council.

#### **86. Defibrillator Register**

Cllr Adshead explained to members why he felt this was something the Town Council should look at. There is a national defibrillator register but the installer is responsible for registering and maintaining and it would seem that there are some discrepancies with defibrillators in Billericay.

**Resolved:** Cllr Devlin will contact the First Responders and find out how much knowledge they have of the Billericay defibrillators now that the Council has highlighted this issue.

**87. Flagpole at Police Station**

Members discussed the condition of this flagpole and it was:

**Resolved:** to write to the Chief Constable of Essex Police asking for repairs to be made quickly in light of the forthcoming Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

Cllr Devlin proposed that Finance & General Purposes Committee looks at erecting two flagpoles outside the Chantry Centre. Seconded by Cllr Thomas. Members voted and it was:

**Resolved:** that F&GP Committee looks into erecting two flagpoles outside the Chantry Centre

**88. Litter Bin at Railway Station**

Network Rail had requested that the liner of this bin is replaced as it has rusted through. Members were reminded that these bins were installed by the Town Council several years ago and that they are on Network Rail's land so they are responsible for emptying them. It was suggested that Basildon Council could be asked to provide replacements but this would be unlikely as they are not on Highways land. The Town Council could consider replacing them with bins in the Town Council's colours to publicise to residents BTC is keen to try and prevent littering.

**Resolved:** that a full review is undertaken of all Town Council litter bins in the town by Cllr Moore who will report back at the next meeting

**89. Items for Information**

**(a)** Tree Wardens minutes from a meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022.

**Resolved:** information noted.

**90. Consideration for Social Media/Press Release**

Nothing at this time.

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

None present.

Cllr M Moore  
Chairman of the Committee

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.58pm

Chairman:..... Date: .....