

BILLERICAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Health, Well-Being and Environment Committee meeting
held in the Council Chamber, The Chantry Centre, Chantry Way, CM11 2AP
on Tuesday 12th April 2022 at 7.00pm

Chairman: Cllr M Moore
Vice-Chairman: Cllr K Mordecai
Councillors: A Adshead, J Clark, J Devlin, M Mordecai, E Sainsbury, D Spencer
M Thomas, D Wakefield

Also in attendance the Town Clerk

92. Apologies for absence

Cllr M Dear

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

None.

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

None.

95. Minutes of the Health, Well-being and Environment Committee held on 1st March 2022

Members received and considered the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1st March 2022. Cllr Devlin said that he had investigated the location of defibrillators in Billericay but been asked to leave this with the healthcare professionals.

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

96. Health, Well-Being & Environment Committee Accounts

Members received and considered the following:

a) a copy of the accounts from 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

Resolved: that the information regarding the accounts is noted.

97. Minutes of Working Parties/Project Groups

Members received and considered the following minutes:

(a) Events WP meeting held on 11th March 2022. Cllr Clark said that the beacon lighting event is progressing well. All invites have gone out and posters distributed to local shops and businesses.

(b) Public Facilities PG held on 10th March 2022. Cllr M Mordecai presented the minutes and informed members that further to the resolution of full Council the APC is being

removed by Healthmatic and the Town Council should wait and see what reaction this gets from residents before investigating other things such as a Community Toilet Scheme.

Resolved: that the minutes of both the above meetings are approved and adopted.

98. Outwood Common Play Area

Members received and considered the following:

(a) notes from the meeting held with local residents on 16th March 2022. Discussion had taken place about inclusive play equipment and extending the site area.

(b) Basildon Borough Council has confirmed that the site is on their schedule for replacement in 2027 and would be looking to work with the Town Council.

(c) the Town Clerk has been in contact with the London Borough of Waltham Forest to start preliminary discussions about taking over a larger area of the site. LBWF has requested photographs and agreed to look into it but warned it will be a long process.

(d) formation of an Outwood Common play area working party

Resolved: (i) (a), (b) and (c) information noted, and; **(ii)** no formation of a working party until a response has been received from LBWF but to keep a dialogue going with local residents.

99. Skatepark

Members were advised that:

(a) It is unlikely that Basildon will have the new skatepark installed by the May elections although a design is expected to be in place.

(b) a meeting is scheduled with Basildon Borough Council to discuss reduction of the inspection costs now that all the skatepark equipment has been removed.

Resolved: information noted.

100. Litter Bins

Cllr Moore said that she had carried out an inspection of the Town Council owned bins in Billericay, some of which were in need of replacement.

Resolved: to ask Basildon Borough Council to replace the damaged bins, if they are not in agreement then this will return to Health, Well-being and Environment to formulate a further plan.

Cllr Thomas raised the issue of an increase in litter which he felt has been caused by the fast food outlets in the High Street. Following discussion it was:

Resolved: that the Town Clerk writes to KFC referencing their corporate Good Neighbour guide which states that each restaurant has a litter picking programme to keep the local area clean.

101. Items for Information

(a) changes to Household and Garden Waste Collection Services in the Borough from September. Members noted that Paul Brace had offered to come and speak to residents about the changes and the Town Clerk will get in touch with him to arrange this.

(b) BBC has advised that the High Street lamp columns are due be replaced with heritage style ones although a date for this work is not yet known.

(c) the flagpole at the Police Station has now been repaired.

Resolved: information noted.

102. Consideration for Social Media/Press Release

Nothing at this time.

103. Questions from the Press and Public

None present.

Cllr M Moore
Chairman of the Committee

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.43pm

Chairman:..... Date: