

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 24th May 2022 at 7.00pm

Councillors: J Clark, L Clark, M Moore, K Mordecai, M Mordecai, E Sainsbury, D Spencer, M Thomas, J Tutton

Also in attendance the Town Clerk

In the Chair - Cllr J Clark

1. Election of Chairman

Cllr Moore was proposed by Cllr K Mordecai and seconded by Cllr Tutton. There being no other nominations it was;

Resolved: That Cllr Moore be elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

In the Chair - Cllr M Moore

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr D Wakefield

3. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

Cllr K Mordecai was proposed by Cllr J Clark and seconded by Cllr Thomas. There being no other nominations it was;

Resolved: That Cllr K Mordecai be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

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

None.

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

None

6. Minutes of the Health, Well-being and Environment Committee held on 12th April 2022

Members received and considered the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th April 2022

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

7. Health, Well-Being & Environment Committee Accounts

Members received and considered the following:

a) a copy of the accounts from 1st April 2022 to 17th May 2022

Resolved: that the information regarding the accounts is noted.

8. Skatepark

Members received the following:

(a) notes from a meeting held with BBC officers on 21st April re inspection of play equipment owned by the Town Council.

Resolved: information noted.

(b) quotes for removal of the old skatepark hardstanding. Cllr Moore informed members that the funds from the EMR Skatepark Fund which have been returned to general reserves would be used to pay for this work. After consideration of the three quotations received Cllr K Mordecai proposed that the Council accepts the cheapest quote. Seconded by Cllr Tutton. It was therefore:

Recommendation: that Peter Thomas is contracted to remove the skatepark hardstanding at a cost of £11,000.

9. Countryside Walks – Series 1 and 2

Members were advised that the leaflet stocks have now run out and were asked to consider a reprint. Discussion took place about whether any updates or revisions were required and Cllr Thomas proposed that he walks all six routes to make sure there are no revisions needed before a reprint is authorised. Seconded by Cllr M Mordecai.

Resolved: that Cllr Thomas will undertake the walks and report back at the next Health, Well-Being and Environment Committee.

10. Reinstating the Town Trail Walks

Following Cllr Devlin's offer to lead two walks per year it was:

Resolved: that suitable dates would be agreed with Cllr Devlin for walks to take place in August and September which will be publicised when the dates are known.

11. Litter Bins

Members were advised that Basildon Borough Council has offered to obtain and instal bins for free, but the purchase price of the bins would have to be met by the Town Council. Plastic bins are priced at £182 and metal ones would be approx. £579 – with an extra charge for badging with BTC name. Members were advised that there is £1,900 in the Billericay in Bloom budget which could be vired for this purpose. Cllr Thomas proposed that metal bins are purchased for the following locations; two at the station (outside ticket office and alongside bus stops), one on Stock Road just Lake Avenue, and one on the Queen's Park roundabout by the bus shelter.

Resolved: that four metal bins are purchased from and installed by Basildon Borough Council.

12. Items for Information

(a) **Pilgrim 400 Apple Trees** – these have now been planted in the Great Burstead churchyard and the plaque installed.

(b) Queen’s Platinum Jubilee – Thursday 2nd June

Members are reminded that the beacon lighting is taking place on 2nd June starting with a reception at Canon Roche from 7.30pm

(c) Tree Wardens May Newsletter

Resolved: that all the above information is noted

13. Items for consideration for Social Media/Press Release

- Town Trail Walks when dates are confirmed

14. Questions from the Press and Public

None.

Cllr M Moore
Chairman of the Committee

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.33pm

Chairman:..... Date: