

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 2nd July 2024 at 7.00pm

Chairman: Cllr M Moore
Vice Chairman: Cllr K Mordecai
Councillors: A Adshead, P Bunyan, E Davies, M Dear, K Herlock, C May, G Talbot,
M Thomas, J Tutton

Also in attendance: the Town Clerk

14. Apologies for absence

None as all members present.

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

None.

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

None.

17. Minutes of the Health, Well-being and Environment Committee held on Tuesday 21st May 2024

Members received and considered the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21st May 2024

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

18. Health, Well-Being & Environment Committee Accounts

Members received and considered the following:

(a) a copy of the accounts in respect of the Health, Well-Being and Environment Committee from 1st April 2024 to 26th June 2024.

RESOLVED: information noted.

19. Minutes of Working Parties and Project Groups

Members received and considered the following minutes:

(a) Events Working Party meeting held on 26th June 2024. Cllr K Mordecai said that the feedback from members of the public for the D-Day 80 event had been very positive. Provision of seating for disabled attendees or those not able to stand for long periods was

mentioned, and Cllr Mordecai had looked at seating availability on Sun Corner and informed members there were two rustic benches alongside the beacon, two benches in the enclosed play area and one on the pavement by the crossing in London Road. Following discussion it was:

RESOLVED: that the Town Council look at providing additional maintenance free seating on Sun Corner.

20. United Reform Church Burial Ground

A meeting took place with place with the gardener, Cllrs Thomas, Bunyan, Moore, and the Town Clerk on Thursday 27th June 2024. Cllr Thomas gave members a verbal report of the meeting and said that the initial idea is to get a large working party to tidy up and then undertake regular general maintenance going forward. The gate onto Chapel Street is locked and the wish is to open this entrance and make the garden an inviting community space however advice from the appropriate authority would need to be obtained first.

RESOLVED: that a date for the general tidy up is agreed with the manager of Waitrose – this will be Saturday 3rd August from 12.30pm to 5pm.

21. Litter Bins

Further to the walkaround in June with BBC officers, members received and considered a price list from Basildon Borough Council for 5 different styles of bin. Following discussion it was:

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk contacts Basildon officers for an update on the following: **(i)** whether Basildon is intending to replace the ten bins originally identified by BTC, **(ii)** are the compactor bins in the High Street being relocated, **(iii)** provision of prices for new, refurbished and rented compactor bins, **(iv)** whether the monitoring of litter bin usage that was previously mentioned by Basildon officers still taking place

22. Lake Meadows Teen Equipment

(a) Further to HWE 21.5.24 min 11(c) members were advised that BBC have confirmed they are looking to the Town Council to cover the full cost of refurbishment – approx. £16,000. They will then take on the maintenance and inspection responsibility going forward. Members are advised that there is sufficient in general reserves to fund this, however the provision of new equipment would require the formation of a project group.

(b) BBC also advised that if the Town Council wishes to provide a new item of equipment that this is a wheelchair swing in the children's play area (not teen area).

Cllr Moore proposed that the Town Council goes ahead with the refurbishment. Seconded by Cllr Thomas.

RECOMMENDATION: that the Town Council funds the refurbishment of the teen equipment in Lake Meadows.

23. Items for consideration for Social Media/Press Release

- Town Council is refurbishing the teen play area at Lake Meadows

24. Questions from the Press and Public

None.

Cllr M Moore
Chairman of the Committee

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.54pm

Chairman:..... Date: