

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7.00pm

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

Also in attendance: the Town Clerk and four members of the public

### 50. Apologies for absence

Cllr C May

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

Cllr Thomas declared an interest prior to the public participation session as he is a trustee of Billericay Foodbank.

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

Members of the Billericay Cycling Campaign spoke to members about their current projects:

1. Community cycle ride event in June 2025 – this event is based on the Kiddical Mass cycling movement in Europe and councillors were advised of the potential route, timings and publicity although these are not yet confirmed. It is not anticipated that any road closures are required.
2. An e-bike has been donated by Fords for community use. Billericay Foodbank is looking at attaching a trailer and using the bike for their deliveries. The e-bike will be kept with the Community Pastors at the Hub and suggestions for use are welcomed. It is hoped that the Town Council can use their links to connect the e-bicycle to other groups that may benefit from its use.
3. 20's Plenty Speed Campaign. The Cycling Campaign stated that 20mph speed limits has been proven to drastically reduce death/serious injury in road accidents and would like assistance from the Town Council to move this forward in Billericay.

Cllr Moore thanked the members of the Cycling Campaign for their attendance and for bringing details of their projects to the council's attention.

### 53. Minutes of the Health, Well-being and Environment Committee held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Members received and considered the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

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

**54. 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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

**RESOLVED:** (a) information noted

**55. Health, Wellbeing & Environment Committee Estimates for 2025-26**

Members received and considered the following:

(a) a proposal from Cllr Adshead that the Events Working party commission community events in the Chantry Centre with an operational budget of £8,000. Cllr Mordecai confirmed that the Events working party are agreeable to this proposal.

(b) the HWE draft budget for 2025-26.

**RESOLVED:** (a) the Events working party will commission community events at the Chantry Centre, and;

**RECOMMENDATION:** (b) the HWE draft budget is included in the estimates for 2025-26 and presented to full Council for approval.

**56. Benches on Sun Corner**

Members considered the following:

(a) retrospective approval of a quotation for £1,740 to dig out, install 3 concrete bases size 2.5m x 1m and fix benches to bases, and:

(b) for information: the total cost of 3 benches, 3 plaques and installation is £3,529.80.

**RESOLVED:** (a) quotation is retrospectively approved, and; (b) information noted.

**57. Lake Meadows Fireworks Event**

Cllr Tutton reminded members that he is the representative for the Friends of Lake Meadows, and they have asked him to approach the Town Council for support with trying to get the bonfire removed due to environmental concerns. Members discussed the event and whether the bonfire was an integral part of the evening. The consensus of opinion was that FoLM should seek resident's views before contacting Basildon Council and Round Table. Following discussion it was:

**RESOLVED:** that Cllr Tutton feeds back the Council's comments to the Friends of Lake Meadows.

**58. Pole Baskets**

Members considered the following:

**(a)** baskets being dislodged by high sided vehicles, and:

**(b)** whether the planters should be used for a winter floral display

Members discussed the pole baskets being knocked off their fixings and whether this would still happen if the baskets were planted on the pavement side only and/or sited higher up the columns. Cllr Dear said that the current height of the baskets poses a health and safety risk and she was concerned about the safety of pedestrians and the staff heaving to deal with removal of the baskets. Following discussion it was:

**RESOLVED: (a)** that the Town Clerk seeks advice from Basildon Council and the contractor as to the maximum height that is acceptable for the baskets, and; **(b)** not to plant the baskets this winter.

**59. Issues with Maintenance of Footpaths, hedges and public spaces**

Members received and considered the Basildon Borough Council report regarding the IDVerde contract and grass cutting schedule.

**RESOLVED:** information noted.

**60. Items for Information**

Members received the following:

**(a)** Tree Wardens October newsletter.

**(b)** a tree giveaway by the tree wardens is taking place on 23<sup>rd</sup> November outside Paul Robinsons solicitors between 10am and 2pm.

**RESOLVED:** information noted.

**61. Items for Consideration for Social Media/Press Release**

None.

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.46pm.

Cllr M Moore – Chairman of the Committee

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