

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council Local Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 12 October 2020 at 6.00pm via video conferencing.

PRESENT:

Councillors: H Bettison (Chair)
A Bowlas
A Gibson
G Smith
L Stephenson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Gareth Davies, Town Clerk

Steve Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk

The meeting was available live via YouTube.

LS140/19 1. ELECTION OF A CHAIR

On the motion of Cllr A Gibson, seconded by Cllr L Stephenson, it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr H Bettison be appointed Chair of the Local Services Committee for the remainder of the year 2020/2021.

LS141/19 2. OPEN SESSION

There were no questions received from members of the public.

LS142/19 3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs C Bruce, B Parkin and G Smith.

LS143/19 4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

On the motion of Cllr A Gibson, seconded by Cllr L Stephenson, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 02 March 2020 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

LS144/19

5. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Cllr H Bettison declared a personal interest in Item 10.

LS145/19

6. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

There were no requests for dispensation.

LS146/19

7. ISSUES REPORTED SINCE LAST MEETING

The Town Clerk provided an update regarding Osborne Play Park and that a report would be brought to a future meeting of this committee.

Cllr H Bettison raised an issue regarding Newfields and it was agreed that quotes would be sought.

LS147/19

8. ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEERS

Cllr L Stephenson provided an update to the committee which included ongoing communications with litter picking groups, provision of pickers and hi-vis vests, the increased number of volunteers and an idea to place a 'Leave Only Your Footprints' sign at Spittal beach.

The Town Clerk further updated the meeting that the Town Council may discuss with volunteers, the provision of gloves and bobble hats, if required, and that there had been discussions with the local County Councillor regarding a sign for Spittal produced out of recyclables.

LS148/19

9. PROPOSALS FOR GROWTH AND SAVINGS

The Town Clerk introduced the item and the committee indicated their desire to have money for bus shelters in next year's budget with money transferred from reserves, for more immediate and intermediate repairs.

There was also a desire to see greater provision for play parks in next year's budget.

LS149/19

10. SPITTAL SPLASH PARK

The Assistant to the Clerk introduced the item and explained the current issues around the Spittal Splash Park. The committee provided guidance as to the way forward regarding the quotes concerned and requested that quotes be obtained for painting the railings and s-shaped benches.

LS150/19

11. FORWARD PLAN

- i. It was **RESOLVED** to note the Forward Plan. It was further noted that discussions would take place with Northumberland County Council

regarding the Partnership Meetings, suspended due to Covid-19 restrictions, so that updates could be received.

Cllr A Gibson requested that Heritage lamp stands be brought as an item to a future meeting of Council.

- ii. The committee noted that proposals regarding play area map and publicity will be brought to a future meeting of this committee.
- iii. Options to paint the bus shelters being brought to a future meeting of this committee was noted.
- iv. The committee noted that the project to paint and refurbish the benches is at an advanced stage and **RESOLVED** to agree that the bench on Ord Drive be removed.
- v. Council had previously **RESOLVED** to explore potential new land for allotments and the relocation of a current site which has been interrupted due to Covid-19. Officers will look to restart this process in the coming months.
- vi. A review of play areas, which would include a survey on the parks, and on the use of outdoor adult fitness equipment, would be actioned and a report brought back to a future meeting of Council.

LS151/19

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Monday, 16 November 2020 at 6.00 pm.

At the meeting of the Local Services Committee held on Monday, 16 November 2020 it was **RESOLVED** to amend the draft minutes of the Local Services Committee meeting held on 12 October 2020 as follows:

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	A Bowlas	
	A Gibson	
	L Stephenson	