

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council Local Services Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 04 December 2018 at 6.30pm in the Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed

PRESENT:

Councillors: Robert Bruce (Chair)
Kerry Beresford
Alex Gibson
Karin Graham
Brian Parkin
Gary Smith
Lesley Stephenson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Gareth Davies, Town Clerk
Steve Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk
Cty Cllr G Hill
1 member of the public

OPEN SESSION

There were no contributions from members of the public during the open session.

LS086/18 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Cllr A Bowlas.

LS087/18 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

On the motion of Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr Smith the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 5 November 2018 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

LS088/18 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interests.

LS089/18 4. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

There were no requests for dispensation.

LS090/18 5. UPDATE FROM LOCAL SERVICES BOARD

On the motion of Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr Parkin it was agreed to note the update.

LS091/18 6. ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEERS

Cllr Stephenson and the Town Clerk provided a further update on work that was underway.

LS092/18 7. MAY FAIR PREPARATIONS

The Town Clerk provided an update to elected members on proposals and discussions that had taken place to enable the May Fair to be a more successful event in 2019. Amongst the proposals were that there should be an emphasis on local producers for a special market on Friday, and a possible bric a brac / antiques fair type market on the Sunday. It was **RESOLVED**, on the motion of Cllr Beresford, seconded by Cllr Parkin, that the staff should explore these opportunities, and the possibility of co-promoting the events with other events in the town that weekend, and that a report back should be received by committee each month.

LS093/18 8. TWEEDMOUTH WAR MEMORIAL

The Town Clerk outlined an approach that had been received from local residents. During the ensuing debate standing orders were suspended sufficiently for County Councillor Hill to speak. On the resumption of standing orders there was no resolution put forward, it being the consensus of members that, given that the war memorial was not in the control of the Town Council, no effective decision could be taken.

LS094/18 9. FORWARD PLAN

It was **RESOLVED** to add the issue of lighting at war memorials to the Forward Plan, to note the update provided by the Town Clerk concerning bus shelter repairs, and to note the Forward Plan.

LS095/18 10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Monday, 4 February 2019 at 6.30 pm.