

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 17th NOVEMBER, 2016

Present: Councillor: M Eager - Chairman
Councillors: R Barnes A Bradford
 A Crowe M Eakin
 E Fieldhouse K Francis
 A Manns N Morris
 J Roberts N Roberts

In Attendance: Mrs K Mitchell - Clerk to the Council
Mrs M Bradman - Deputy Clerk
1 Member of the public
Mr Dan Guerche Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC)
Community Ambassador

E.82-11.16 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Baker.

E.83-11.16 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared.

E.84-11.16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to speak.

E.85-11.16 PRESENTATION – WEST MERCIA POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Mr Dan Guerche gave a powerpoint presentation on his role as Community Ambassador for Herefordshire and the role of the PCC. Specifically his role is to engage with local communities ensuring their priorities are understood, their needs are being met and their concerns are being acted on. Mr Guerche informed members of a number of new initiatives including improvements to the 101 service and a proposed 'track my crime' service. Mr Guerche was cordially invited to the next PACT meeting to be held on 12th December 2016.

E.86-11.16 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2016, copies having been previously circulated, were confirmed as an accurate record.

E.87-11.16 LENGTHSMAN AND P3 SCHEME

Members were advised of the changes that Herefordshire Council had made to both schemes which would require the Town Council to contribute a mandatory sum to both schemes for 2017/18 and that the Herefordshire Council contribution would be phased out over 2017/18. The cost to the Town Council for 2017/18 is £530 for the P3 Scheme and £2,508 for the Lengthsman Scheme.

Members were requested to consider rejoining both the P3 and Lengthsman scheme taking into account the cost to the Town Council.

Recommendation to Full Council: That the Town Council rejoin the P3 & Lengthsman Scheme at a total cost of £3,038.

E.88-11.16 BUDGET 2017/18

Members considered the second draft of the budget required by the Environment & Leisure Committee budget for 2017/18. A number of changes to the draft budget were proposed and agreed. Members were reminded that a joint budget meeting would be held on 1st December to further consider the budget across all three committees.

E.89-11.16 CEMETERY

The Chairman informed members that he, together with Cllr Barnes and the Grounds Officer had met a tree surgeon on site to inspect the condition of the trees and review the tree condition report. The tree surgeon will submit a quotation for necessary works and provide an updated condition report.

The Chairman reported that remedial works were needed to replace slipped and missing roof tiles on the cottage and chapel, and, to sort out water ingress issues due to guttering problems near the Childrens' area.

E.90-11.16 TOWN TRAIL

Members considered concerns raised by a local resident over the surface condition of a section of the Town Trail between Woodleigh Road and Bridge Street. It was reported that the vegetation is overgrown and that the ditch on the western side needs to be cleared.

RESOLVED: That the the matter be reported to the Balfour Beatty Localities Steward, Mr Neil James and that a site meeting be arranged to see what can be done.

E.91 -11.16 WORKING PARTIES AND TASK & FINISH GROUPS

1. Christmas Lights

Members considered the report from the meeting held on 1st November, 2016.

Recommendation to Full Council: That the report be approved and adopted.

2. Tesco Grant Funding Group

The Chairman reported on the meeting held on 8th November, 2016. He advised that finding application guidelines had changed and that rather than apply for larger projects, the group should concentrate on smaller projects e.g. picnic tables and LED lighting.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

E.92-11.16 GENERAL UPDATE

The Deputy Clerk updated members on the following items:

The War Memorial – awaiting a meeting with Cllr Rone over concerns with the drainage around the memorial.

Centenary Fields in Trust – awaiting the plaque and contract.

Dog Hill Wood – picnic tables have now been installed and the bench re-positioned.

E.93-11.16 CORRESPONDENCE - for information

The Clerk read out three pieces of correspondence:

Letter from the police informing the Town Council that the basket column outside the sports shop in the Homend which had been damaged during the summer was still under investigation.

Two letters from a resident of Bromyard asking the Town Council to consider many initiatives, some of which the Town Council had already put into place i.e. that Ledbury should become a Fair Trade town.

E.94-11.16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting of the Environment & Leisure Committee will be held on 12th January, 2017.

The meeting closed at 9.17pm

Chairman Date