

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 9th January 2024 at 7.00pm

Chairman: Cllr M Moore
Vice Chairman: Cllr K Mordecai
Councillors: L Clark, C May, E Sainsbury, M Thomas, J Tutton

Also in attendance: the Town Clerk and two members of Billericay Cycling Campaign

63. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs M Dear, K Herlock, M Mordecai, D Spencer

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

None.

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

Two members of the Billericay Cycling Campaign presented the aims and objectives of the group. They want to get people cycling, reduce car journeys and improve the infrastructure in and around Billericay by working with Basildon Borough Council, Essex Highways and 20's Plenty and hope the Town Council will help them achieve this. Cllr Moore thanked them for attending and said the Council looked forward to working with the group.

66. Minutes of the Health, Well-being and Environment Committees held on 21st November 2023

Members received and considered the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21st November 2023

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

67. 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 to 3rd January 2024. The budget for litter bins was discussed and members said that they would provide the Town Clerk with locations where new bins were needed so this will be an Agenda item for the next meeting.

RESOLVED: information noted.

68. Hanging Baskets/High Street Planting Quotations

(a) In accordance with Financial Regulation 11.1(h) members received and considered three quotations for pole basket floral displays on the lamp columns along with displays for the War Memorial and High Street planters from the following providers : - Amethyst Horticulture and Windowflowers. Plantscape provided a quotation for pole baskets only.

RESOLVED: that Amethyst Horticulture is awarded the contract to provide 800mm pole baskets and all planting in the High Street, at a cost of £9,400 (this includes purchase of the containers).

(b) The planter outside Santander was discussed under the planting scheme and the Town Clerk advised members that ECC Highways has advised there will be restriction on the size and location due to sight lines, but will get more information on which type of planter can be put there and report back at the next meeting.

RESOLVED: information noted

69. Request from Billericay Twinning Association

Members considered a letter regarding the Town Council providing a memorial in the Town to Trevor Stansfield. It was agreed that the Town Council already has a permanent memorial to Trevor as a past Chair of the Council, on the board in the Council Chamber and it would be inappropriate to provide an additional memorial and thereby set a precedent.:

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk responds to the letter with the above comments.

70. Items for Information

Members received the following:

- (a) Tree Wardens – Interim Newsletter Nov 23 – Jan 24
- (b) New Skatepark - BBC has advised they now need to relocate an item of teen play equipment
- (c) Environment Act 2021 - duty on Town and Parish Councils to consider enhancing and conserving biodiversity as part of policy and decision making
- (d) Local Cycling Walk Infrastructure Plans – Essex County Council are consulting on sustainable and integrated cycling and walking networks which will close on 17th January 2024.

RESOLVED: (a), (b) and (c) that the above information is noted, and; (d) the Town Clerk will re-circulate the link to the Cycling and Walking consultation

71. Items for consideration for Social Media/Press Release

- Visit from Billericay Cycling Campaign
- Link to ECC's Cycling consultation

72. Questions from the Press and Public

None.

Cllr M Moore
Chairman of the Committee

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.40pm

Chairman:..... Date: