

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 20th February 2024 at 7.00pm

Chairman: Cllr M Moore
Vice Chairman: Cllr K Mordecai
Councillors: K Herlock, J Leung, M Mordecai, M Thomas, J Tutton

Also in attendance: Borough and County Cllr Dr R Moore and the Town Clerk

73. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs L Clark, C May, E Sainsbury and D Spencer

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

None.

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

None.

76. Minutes of the Health, Well-being and Environment Committees held on 9th January 2024

Members received and considered the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th January 2024

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

77. 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 14th February 2024.

RESOLVED: information noted.

78. Minutes of Working Parties and Project Groups

Members received and considered the following minutes:

(a) Christmas Lights Working Party meeting held on 7th February 2024. Cllr K Mordecai said that members had discussed the lighting scheme feedback and a visit has been arranged to Aylesford's warehouse so their suggested improvements to the scheme can be viewed. Cllr Thomas informed members that Basildon Borough Council has offered to trace the owners of buildings that are identified as potential new locations for icicle lights so six are being sent to them.

RESOLVED: information noted.

(b) Events Working Party meeting held on 13th February 2024. Cllr K Mordecai said that the beacon lighting arrangements for D-Day 80 are progressing, invites have been sent out and there will be an advert for the event in the next Town Crier. The Town Clerk is in the process of arranging the beacon check and it is hoped this will take place in the next couple of weeks. Quotes for the PA system are still awaited, and the Rotary groups have been approached for help with marshalling and controlling the public.

RESOLVED: information noted.

79. Litter Issues

Members considered the following:

(a) Bins – further to the previous meeting, 6 litter bins have been identified for replacement. These are: (i) bus stop on Chapel Street, (ii) outside Mayflower School, (iii) top of Jacksons Lane on junction with Norsey Road, (iv) outside Queen’s Park stores, (v) opposite Queens Park Stores on Perry Street, (vi) junction of Laindon Road and School Road. Discussion took place about working with Basildon Council to look at provision of replacements by the Town Council, including the new type of compactor bins. Members agreed to seek a view from the BBC cabinet member responsible for waste and recycling.

RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk contacts Cllr Kevin Blake to arrange a meeting with Town Councillors to explore this further.

(b) Litter Pick – Billericay Town Rotary have suggested joining forces with the Town Council and doing a High Street litter pick. Following discussion, it was:

RESOLVED: that two High Street litter picks are held in 2024 **(i)** first - Saturday 18th May and **(ii)** second - prior to Remembrance Sunday (date to be confirmed).

80. BDRA Open Day – Saturday 27th April 2024

Members considered an invitation from the BDRA for the Town Council to have a stall at their Open Day which is being held in the Reading Rooms on Saturday 27th April.

RESOLVED: the Town Clerk will write and thank the BDRA for their kind invitation, however the date is very soon after the Community Open Day in the Chantry Centre at which the Town Council will already have a presence.

81. National Dementia Week – 13th to 19th May 2024

Members considered a request from the dementia alliance for the following:

(a) “Paint the Town Blue” shop window competition - Cllrs Thomas and Herlock have offered to judge the best shop window

(b) to attend a dementia awareness event at Humankind café in the High Street from 10am until 1pm on 14th May

RESOLVED: **(i)** that Cllrs Thomas and Herlock will judge the shop window competition, and; **(ii)** Town Councillors will be in attendance at the event being held on 14th May.

82. Items for Information

Members received the following:

(a) King Charles III portrait – the free portrait offer to Town and Parish Councils is now open and the Town Clerk placed an order on 13th February 2024.

RESOLVED: information is noted

83. Items for consideration for Social Media/Press Release

Nothing at this time

84. Questions from the Press and Public

None.

Cllr M Moore

Chairman of the Committee

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.23pm

Chairman:..... Date: