

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 21st November 2023 at 7.00pm

Chairman: Cllr M Moore
Vice Chairman: Cllr K Mordecai
Councillors: M Dear, K Herlock, C May, M Thomas, J Tutton

Also in attendance: the Town Clerk

51. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs L Clark

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

None.

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

None.

54. Minutes of the Health, Well-being and Environment Committees held on 10th October 2023

Members received and considered the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th October 2023

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

55. 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 16th November 2023

(b) to approve the annual renewal of RCCE membership at a cost of £45.00

RESOLVED: (i) information noted, and; **(ii)** that the membership of RCCE is renewed.

56. Outwood Common Play Area

Members received and considered the quotations from Basildon Borough Council for the following repair/replacement of equipment:

(a) Chain on the climber - £519.52 + VAT

(b) Reinstatement of goal mouths - £550.00 + VAT

RESOLVED: that the above work is approved and undertaken by Basildon Borough Council.

57. Hanging Baskets/High Street Planting Quotations

Members considered and discussed quotations for the floral display next year and it was felt that pole baskets offered a more secure option. In compliance with financial regulations the Town Clerk will obtain one further quote for the provision of pole baskets and will also check the permitted weight and height for floral displays with regard to the lamp columns.

RESOLVED: that the information as detailed above will be brought back to the next Health, Well-Being and Environment Committee meeting.

58. Jim Shields and Festival Gardens

Members considered the proposal to bring the maintenance of these areas under Council control by giving the caretaker five additional hours per week from April 2024. Following discussion, and with the proviso that insurance requirements are satisfactorily met, Cllr Moore proposed that the Council caretaker takes over the maintenance of Jim Shields and Festival Gardens for an initial trial period of one year. Seconded by Cllr Herlock.

RESOLVED: that the contract with Skippers is not renewed when it ends in March 2024 and the caretaker is given an additional five hours per week to undertake grounds maintenance in Jim Shields and Festival Gardens.

59. Estimates for 2024-25

Members received and considered the draft Estimates in respect of Health, Well-Being and Environment Committee for the financial year 2024-25.

RESOLVED: to present the Estimates for 2024-25 to Finance & General Purposes Committee on 7th December 2023

60. Items for Information

Members received the following:

(a) Tree Wardens – November Newsletter.

(b) Tree Wardens – a tree giveaway will take place outside Paul Robinsons in the High Street on Saturday 25th November from 10am until 2pm

RESOLVED: that the above information is noted.

61. Items for consideration for Social Media/Press Release

None.

62. Questions from the Press and Public

None.

Cllr M Moore

Chairman of the Committee

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.35pm

Chairman:..... Date: