

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 8th April 2025 at 7.00pm

Chairman: Cllr M Moore
Vice Chairman: Cllr K Mordecai
Councillors: A Adshead, P Bunyan, E Davies, K Herlock, C May, G Talbot

Also in attendance: the Town Clerk

- 85. Apologies for absence**
Cllrs M Dear, M Thomas and J Tutton
- 86. Declarations of interest with regard to items on the Agenda**
None.
- 87. Public Participation session with respect to items on the Agenda**
None.
- 88. Minutes of the Health, Well-being and Environment Committee held on 25th February 2025**
Members received and considered the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25th February 2025.
- RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
- 89. 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 2024 to 31st March 2025.
- (b)** Renewal of the following affiliation fees – Open Spaces Society £45 per annum and Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE) £133.50 per annum.
- RESOLVED: (a)** information noted, and; **(b)** that membership of both the above groups is renewed for a further year.
- 90. Working Parties and Project Groups**
Members received and considered the following minutes:
- (a)** Events working party meeting held on 31st March 2025. Cllr Mordecai informed members that there will be meeting of the VE-Day 80 participants on Sun Corner on 30th April. There were some issues with receipt of content for the exhibition which have now been resolved, however it has been decided the exhibition will only take place on Saturday 10th May and councillors are required to help on the day. Feedback from the

Community Open Day on 22nd March has resulted in volunteer groups wanting to meet to discuss how the Town Council can support them with events.

RESOLVED: information noted.

91. RCCE Village Hall and Community Building Competition

Members considered whether the Chantry Centre should be entered into this competition. Cllr Adshead offered to complete the application form and it was:

RESOLVED: that the Town Council enters the RCCE Village Hall and Community Building Competition.

92. Walks Leaflets

Members considered the following:

(a) Town Trail leaflets – the graphic designer has advised that he requires the original artwork to produce an updated leaflet.

(b) Countryside Walks Leaflets 1 and 2 are now on the website in screen readable format.

RESOLVED: **(a)** Cllr Adshead is to look at the A3 leaflet provided by the Billericay Society to see whether he can adapt the artwork, and; **(b)** information noted.

93. Festival Gardens

Members considered whether to remove the vandalised bench. Following discussion it was:

RESOLVED: **(i)** that a date is arranged for members to visit the Garden and see what enhancements can be made, and; **(ii)** the Town Clerk seeks advice from Basildon Council's parks team about "vandal-proofing" the space.

94. Litter

Members considered the following:

(a) Members viewed details of the products that were shown by Wybone at a bin roadshow in February, then discussed the following: **(i)** whether to lease and instal a solar compacting bin outside the Chantry Centre at a cost of £114 per month. The Town Clerk advised that any installation would require consultation with neighbouring properties due to the size of the bin and some members felt the existing bin was sufficient it just required emptying more frequently, and Basildon Borough Council should be asked to undertake this, **(ii)** whether the Town Council should look into replacing High Street litter bins, which some members feel is the responsibility of Basildon Borough Council, and; **(iii)** the purchase of pop-up litter bins that can be used for Town Council events and loaned to other groups such as Rotary for the Christmas Market at a cost of £185 each.

(b) High Street Litter Pick – Saturday 26th April 2025. Members were advised that this would be managed by Town Councillors as no staff will be present. There is already an all-day event in the Chantry hall so the kitchen is unavailable so it was agreed that no refreshments would be provided.

RESOLVED:

(a(i)) information to be sought about the emptying and maintenance of solar compacting bins for the next Committee meeting, **(a(ii))** to arrange a meeting with Basildon Borough Council to get an update on their borough wide bin survey and whether they will be replacing the High Street litter bins, and; **(a(iii))** to purchase 2 pop up litter bins.

(b) the High Street litter pick will take place on 26th April 2025 between 10 and 11.30am.

95. Items for Information

Members received the following information:

(a) Teen Equipment Lake Meadows - refurbishment has been completed by Basildon Borough Council at a cost of £8,618.

(b) Tree Wardens **(i)** minutes of the meeting held on 5th March and **(ii)** April newsletter. Cllr May advised members that John Smart has stepped down from his role as Chair.

(c) £874 has been received from Basildon Borough Council as re-imburement for the cost of the pole basket brackets on the new lamp columns.

RESOLVED: information noted.

96. Items for Consideration for Social Media/Press Release

- Litter Pick
- Countryside Walks leaflets
- VE-Day 80 exhibition – 10th May
- Beacon Lighting Event – 8th May

97. Questions from the Press and Public

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.38pm.

Cllr M Moore – Chairman of the Committee

Chairman:..... Date: