

BILLERICAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Health, Wellbeing and Environment Committee meeting
held in the Council Chamber, The Chantry Centre, Chantry Way, CM11 2AP
on Tuesday 2nd December 2025 at 7.00pm

Chairman: Cllr M Moore
Vice-Chairman: Cllr K Mordecai
Councillors: P Bunyan, E Davies, K Herlock, C May, G Talbot, J Tutton

Also in attendance: the Town Clerk

- 48. Apologies for absence**
Cllrs C Butler, M Dear, M Thomas
- 49. Declarations of interest with regard to items on the Agenda**
None.
- 50. Public Participation session with respect to items on the Agenda**
None.
- 51. Minutes of the Health, Well-being and Environment Committee held on 21st October 2025**
Members received and considered the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21st October 2025.
- RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
- 52. 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 2025 to 26th November 2025
(b) renewal of annual membership of the Open Spaces Society
- RESOLVED:** (a) financial information noted, and; (b) that the Open Spaces Society membership is renewed at a cost of £45.00.
- 53. Working Parties/Project Groups**
Members received and considered the following:
- (a) **Christmas Lights Working Party** – minutes of the meeting held on 14th October 2025. Cllr Talbot, Chair of the working party, advised that the flags on lamp columns had been removed for the Christmas period thanks to intervention from the landlady of the Red Lion, and two lamp columns are out but this is a UK Power Networks issue as there is no power to the columns. For next year the working party are talking to the BID about extending the lighting scheme to other areas of the High Street with their financial support, and a meeting will take place early next year.

(b) Recreation Working Party meeting held on 12th November 2025. Cllr C May, Vice-Chair of the working party advised those present that the group has decided what the principles of the Festival Gardens refurbishment should be and a list of requirements has been completed to be included in the tender for garden design which will go out early next year. A request has been made for additional funds to be placed in the Ear Marked Reserve Account.

RESOLVED: that the information in both sets of minutes is noted.

RECOMMENDATION: that £40,000 is moved from General Reserves to EMR Gardens Refurbishment.

54. Health, Wellbeing & Environment Committee estimates for 2026-27

Members received and considered the following:

(a) the 2026-27 draft budget for 2026-27

RECOMMENDATION: **(b)** the HWE draft budget is included in the estimates for 2026-27 and presented to full Council for approval.

55. Items for Information

(a) Phone Boxes outside the Post Office Delivery office – British Telecom advises that these have now been cleaned and repaired. Jobs are being raised for the contractor to paint sometime next Spring / Summer and fit a lockable door to the right-hand kiosk.

(b) BHF Commemorative Bench – the location adjacent the beacon has been approved by BBC and the base is being laid on 20th December. It is anticipated that the bench will be installed early in the New Year

(c) Tree Wardens – minutes of a meeting held on 12th November 2025 **(herewith)**

56. Items for consideration for Social Media/Press Release

None.

57. Questions from the Press and Public

None.

Cllr M Moore
Chairman of the Committee

The Vice-Chairman closed the meeting at 7.16pm

Chairman:..... Date: