

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 7th April 2026 at 7.00pm

Chairman: Absent
Vice-Chairman: Absent
Councillors: P Bunyan, K Herlock, C May, G Talbot, M Thomas, J Tutton

Also in attendance: the Town Clerk

80. Election of Chairman

In the absence of both the Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman Cllr Bunyan proposed that Cllr Thomas be elected Chair for the meeting. Seconded by Cllr Talbot.

RESOLVED: that Cllr Thomas is elected Chairman.

81. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs C Butler, E Davies, M Moore, K Mordecai

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

None.

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

None.

84. Minutes of the Health, Well-being and Environment Committee held on 24th February 2026

Members received and considered the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 24th February 2026

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

85. 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 31st March 2026

(b) Renewal of the Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE) membership

RESOLVED: (a) information noted, and; (b) that the annual membership of RCCE is renewed at a cost of £136.50

86. Working Parties/Project Groups

Members received and considered the following minutes/meeting notes:

(a) **Recreation Working Party** – 12th March 2026 and 26th March 2026. Cllr Thomas, Chair of the working party, informed those present that the Festival Gardens/Jim Shields

project has started, as the design contract has been awarded to Ground Control. The first action will be a topographic survey, the quotation for which is currently awaited.

RESOLVED: that the minutes are approved.

87. Flagpole at Chantry Centre

Members received and considered quotations from three suppliers. Following discussion it was:

RESOLVED: that the quotation from Hampshire Flag Company for £1,625.84 is approved and the flagpole is ordered.

88. Litter

Members received and considered the following;

(a) Outstanding items with Basildon Borough Council – **(i)** relocation of solar compacting bin in High Street to outside Greggs, and; **(ii)** update on the Borough wide bin audit. Members discussed whether the Business Improvement District would contribute towards bin replacement or sponsorship of bins and the Town Clerk was asked to speak to the BID manager. It was agreed that the Council needs data from the bin audit undertaken by BBC in 2025 before proceeding, specifically information on which bins are being replaced and where (dog bins to be included). The Town Clerk has requested a meeting to discuss all of the above points with BBC officers.

RESOLVED: that a meeting with Basildon takes place as soon as possible; and the required information is brought back to the next HWE Committee.

(b) Provision of additional solar compacting bins. The Town Council currently leases the solar compacting bin outside the Chantry Centre for approx. £85 per month. Members were asked to consider whether there are other places in Billericay that would benefit from a solar compactor bin, and the Town Clerk was asked to find out whether there was a discount for leasing multiple bins.

RESOLVED: that the provision of additional solar compacting bins is deferred until after the meeting with BBC.

(c) High Street Litter Picks in 2026

RESOLVED: that the Town Council holds litter picks on Saturday 23rd May and Saturday 7th November 2026

89. HWE Future Projects

Members considered and discussed a list of potential projects for the Committee – **(i)** more public seating, **(ii)** more information boards at bus stops, **(iii)** events in Festival Gardens, **(iv)** reinstatement of Billericay in Bloom, **(v)** rubbish bins, **(vi)** recycling. It was:

RESOLVED: (i) to place more benches on Sun Corner (sites to be identified) and additional seating will be addressed during the Festival Gardens/Jim Shields redesign. BBC to be asked what their policy is with regard to benches in the High Street. Cllr Thomas and the Town Clerk will undertake a street furniture audit **(ii)** Cllr Talbot advised that ECC Highways

are looking for a financial contribution towards electronic displays at bus stops. The Town Clerk will find out whether the Town Council's bus stops (outside of the High Street) could have electronic displays added to them, **(iii)** after the Festival Gardens redesign project is completed the Council will look at events taking place there dependent upon available space, **(iv)** Billericay in Bloom is not re-instated at the current time due to being too time consuming, **(v)** see Minute 88, **(vi)** Town Clerk will discuss at the meeting with BBC whether recycling will be made available to those using the trade waste service and also obtain information on how vapes are disposed of. A list of shops will be obtained that offer recycling to be publicised on the Council's social media/website.

90. Items for Information

(a) Billericay Railway Station – Litter on Embankment the Town Clerk is liaising with BID and Network Rail to find out if the Town Council would be permitted to litter pick the area behind the chain link fencing and determine health and safety requirements. This information will be brought back to a future meeting for members consideration.

RESOLVED: information noted.

91. Items for consideration for Social Media/Press Release

- Anti-fly tipping promotion and sites where it can be reported, i.e. ClearWaste app
- Other recycling information (i.e. battery/vape disposal)

92. Questions from the Press and Public

None.

Cllr M Moore
Chairman of the Committee

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.04pm

Chairman:..... Date: