

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 19th May 2026 at 7.00pm

Chairman: Cllr M Moore
Vice-Chairman: Cllr K Mordecai
Councillors: P Bunyan, K Herlock, G Talbot, M Thomas, J Tutton

Also in attendance: the Town Clerk

01. Election of Chairman for municipal year 2026-27

Cllr Moore was proposed by Cllr Mordecai. Seconded by Cllr Herlock.

RESOLVED: that Cllr Moira Moore is elected Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

02. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs M Dear, C May and H Stuart

03. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

Cllr Mordecai was proposed by Cllr Moore. Seconded by Cllr Tutton.

RESOLVED: that Cllr Kim Mordecai is appointed as Vice-Chairman.

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

None.

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

None.

06. Minutes of the Health, Well-being and Environment Committee held on 7th April 2026

Members received and considered the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th April 2026

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

07. 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 2026 to 14th May 2026

(b) renewal of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) annual membership

RESOLVED: **(a)** information noted, and; **(b)** that the annual membership of CPRE is renewed at a cost of £36.00

08. Working Parties/Project Groups

Members received and considered the following minutes:

(a) Christmas Lights Working Party – 8th April 2026. Cllr Talbot, Chair of the working party, informed those present that the Town Council has been approached by the BID for financial help with extending the lighting scheme to other parts of the High Street.

RECOMMENDATION: that the Town Council funds the extension to the 2026/27 Christmas lighting scheme in the amount of approx. £13,500.

RESOLVED: a Christmas Lights contract review will be undertaken in 2027 and a larger financial contribution will be required from the BID going forward.

(b) Events Working Party – 16th April 2026. Cllr Herlock, Chair of the working party presented the minutes and advised that the next Community day will take place in March 2027 and will be focused on Community groups and organisations. Format and eligibility for Citizen of the Year competition is still under consideration and the Good Companions Club is doing well since the Council took over running it. However a rota of councillors prepared to attend is being arranged to take pressure off the office staff. Members also discussed the best platforms to use for marketing Council events.

RESOLVED: that in all other respects the minutes of both meetings are approved and adopted.

09. Terms of Reference

RESOLVED: that the Terms of Reference are approved and adopted.

10. Litter

Members received and considered the following;

(a) Moving the Pre-Remembrance Litter Pick to 31st October from 7th November.

(b) Basildon Council's list of the Borough's litter bins scheduled for replacement.

(c) to receive a 10% discount on solar compacting bins the Town Council would need to lease ten.

RESOLVED: **(a)** that the litter pick is moved to 31st October; **(b)** that the bins scheduled for replacement by BBC are cross-referenced against the Town Council's list, and; **(c)** information noted.

11. High Street Furniture Audit

Members considered and discussed the following:

(a) Street furniture audit undertaken on 5th May by Cllr Thomas and the Town Clerk.

(b) obtaining quotations for painting the High Street bins, bollards and repairs to the benches in a joint project with the Business Improvement District.

RESOLVED: (a) information noted, and; (b) the Council will participate in a joint project with the Business Improvement District to refurbish the High Street furniture with the costs to be split equally between both parties.

12. Benches on Sun Corner

RESOLVED: that three additional benches are placed in agreed locations on Sun Corner.

13. Flagpole at Chantry Centre

Following a revision of the original quote from the Hampshire Flag Company at a much higher cost, Cllr Moore proposed that the quote from Windsock Company Limited was now accepted.

RESOLVED: that Windsock Company Limited instal the flagpole at Chantry at a cost of £1,477.00

14. Items for Information

(a) Billericay Railway Station – Litter on Embankment. BID is liaising with Network Rail to get this area cleared.

(b) Recycling in the High Street.

Boots recycle blister packs and make up containers. Superdrug recycles make up containers and Waitrose recycles batteries, plastic bags, vapes, and small electricals.

RESOLVED: information noted.

15. Items for consideration for Social Media/Press Release

None.

16. Questions from the Press and Public

None.

Cllr M Moore
Chairman of the Committee

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.39pm

Chairman:..... Date: