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 14th July 2026 at 7.00pm

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

Also in attendance: Town Cllr E Davies, Youth Town Cllr G Wood and the Town Clerk

17. Apologies for Absence

Cllr M Dear.

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

None.

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

None.

20. Minutes of the Health, Well-being and Environment Committee held on 19th May 2026
Members received and considered the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19th May 2026.

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

21. 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 8th July 2026.

RESOLVED: (a) information noted.

22. Working Parties/Project Groups
Members received and considered the following minutes:

(a) Recreation Working Party – notes from a meeting with Ground Control held on 4th June 2026 and minutes from a meeting held on 11th June 2026. Cllr Thomas, Chair of the working party, advised members that Ground Control had not met the Festival Garden design brief fully so they were asked to revise the proposal. The Garden is on a 25-year lease from Basildon Council which expires in 2037. It was agreed the Town Council will talk to Basildon Borough Council about potential transfer of ownership before committing to a large expenditure.

RESOLVED: information noted.

23. High Street Furniture

Members received and considered the following:

(a) quotations for painting the bollards and bins and refurbishing the memorial benches.

(b) replacement rather than refurbishment of the memorial benches in the High Street.

RESOLVED: that Billericay Handyman is instructed to straighten 6 bollards, repaint 61 bollards and 8 litter bins at a cost of £12,675 + VAT **provided** there is an undertaking from Basildon Borough Council and the BID that they will each contribute towards the cost.

Following discussion about the memorial benches, Cllr Thomas proposed that the Town Council replace all High Street memorial benches as a separate stand-alone project. Seconded by Cllr Bunyan.

RECOMMENDATION: that the Town Council replaces all 13 memorial benches in the High Street at a cost of £9,880 for the benches, fixing charge to be confirmed.

24. Litter

Members received and considered:

(a) a list of bins in Billericay that have been cross referenced with Basildon Council's list of bins scheduled for replacement. It was noted that two bins were omitted from the list – Jackson's Lane (junction with Norsey Road) and Western Road (junction with London Road). Cllr Thomas proposed that the Clerk obtains a cost from Basildon Borough Council for replacing those two bins omitted from the list. Seconded by Cllr Moore.

RESOLVED: that Basildon Borough Council is approached about replacing the litter bins as detailed above.

25. Meeting with Basildon Council re Street Scene and Environment Issues

Members received and considered notes from a meeting between James Hendry BBC, the BID Manager and Town Clerk held on 1st July 2026. Discussion items – grass cutting, vegetation trimming and weed spraying, Festival Gardens, refurbishment of street furniture and car parking. Members were advised that this is a regular monthly meeting and for any issues they would like to see raised they should advise the Town Clerk beforehand.

RESOLVED: information noted.

26. Items for Information

(a) Flagpole at Chantry Centre – installation date has been pushed back to 10th August.

(b) Billericay Railway Station – Litter on Embankment – a gate has been installed in the chain link fencing onto the embankment to enable litter clearance by Greater Anglia.

RESOLVED: information noted.

27. Items for consideration for Social Media/Press Release

None.

28. Questions from the Press and Public

- What material would the replacement benches be made from? Slats are recycled plastic

- Would it be possible to provide more trees and water fountains in the High Street? This will be looked into and could be a potential project for the Youth Town Council.

Cllr M Moore
Chairman of the Committee

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.37pm

Chairman:..... Date: .....