

LEOMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Environment & Services Committee meeting held on Monday 18th March 2019 commencing at 19:00 hours in the Council Offices, 11 Corn Square, Leominster HR6 8YP.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Norman (Chair), Herschy (Vice-Chair), Bartlett, Mr P Davies, Lacey, Murdoch and Sutcliffe.

OFFICER PRESENT: Town Clerk and the Environmental Supervisor.

ES54/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Marsh (personal) and Thomas (holiday).

ES55/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made:

- Cllr Lacey: Ginhall Lane Allotments;
- Cllr Murdoch: Ginhall Lane Allotments.

ES56/18 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There had been no requests for dispensation.

ES57/18 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present.

ES58/18 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Environment & Services Committee meeting held on 21st January 2019 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

ES59/18 CLERK'S REPORT

Committee noted the Clerk's report presented:

- (a) **Sydonia Lighting Scheme** – Committee noted that an initial design had been developed to improve the street lighting for Sydonia. Funding for the delivery of the scheme was now being sought and it was agreed that this project be made a priority with delivery prior to the end of year.
- (b) **Litter Pick** – Committee noted that a litter pick was being held at Barons Cross on 7th April 2019 from 10am to 1pm.

Concerns were expressed regarding flytipping in this area and it was agreed to continue to pursue a resolution to this issue. It was further noted that a pedestrian crossing to improve safety and access for existing residents was still being pursued.

Committee noted that the rubbish reported at Hill View was currently being dealt with, although confirmation of the land ownership was still awaiting confirmation.

- (c) **Initial Consultation** – Committee noted that an initial consultation was going to be held at Barons Cross on Monday 15th April 2019 as part of the Silver Team Leominster project. Wildplay would be holding a play session and the Town Council would be providing a BBQ.

ES60/18 ENVIRONMENTAL SUPERVISOR REPORT

Committee considered the Environmental Supervisors Report in detail and, following discussion, it was **RESOLVED**:

- To note the contents and updates contained within the report;
- To organise signage for the two public conveniences at The Grange and Central Car Park indicating opening hours and alternative facilities outside opening hours;
- To carry out the remedial works outlined in the report including the placement of safety tiles under the outdoor gym equipment to reduce wear to the ground.

ES61/18 COMMITTEE UPDATE REPORT

Committee considered the Committee Update Report in detail and, following discussion, it was **RESOLVED**:

- To note the contents and updates contained within the report;
- To ensure that the public consultation regarding the Grange was fully promoted and publicised;
- To note that the waste recycling scheme would commence at the end of March 2019;
- To purchase the required grounds equipment now that the grant of £10,000 from Herefordshire Council had been confirmed;
- To continue to monitor the issues relating to footpath ZC93. There was concern that the path was being diverted and it was agreed to request an update from Herefordshire Council and inform the Ramblers of the issue.

ES62/18 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

As certain items were expected to include the consideration of exempt information the Environment & Services Committee **RESOLVED** that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded during the discussion of the matters referred to in the items listed below, on the grounds that they would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in the respective paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

ES63/18 STAFFING UPDATE

Committee noted that interviews were being held for an Environmental Supervisor, a Grounds Operative and a Seasonal Operative.

Interviews for the Grounds Operative had been held on Monday 18th March 2019 and a suitable candidate for the position had been identified and a job offer would be made by the end of the week. A further update would be provided at the Full Council meeting.

ES64/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Committee noted that the next meeting would be held on Monday 20th May 2019 at 19:00hrs in the Council Chamber, 11 Corn Square, Leominster HR6 8YP.

There being no other business, the Chair thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8:11pm.

CHAIR:

DATE: