

LEOMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

ESTATES, MARKETS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Estates, Markets & Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 7th March 2016 commencing at 19:00 hours in the Council Offices, 17 West Street, Leominster HR6 8EP.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Bartlett, (Chair), A Pendleton (Vice-Chair), Barton, Davies, Gibson, Lacey, Mifflin, Norman and Thomas.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Town Clerk, the Market Officer and the Deputy Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT: Ward Cllr McCaull and one member of the public.

EM77 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Freedland (work), Rosser (work) and Rumsey (work).

EM78 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declaration of interest was made:

- Cllr Lacey – Allotments

EM79 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

No requests for dispensation had been received.

EM80 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Concern was expressed regarding the access on to Footpath ZC93 off the Hereford Road in particular the wall which was allegedly in a state of collapse. Herefordshire Council was aware of the issues. It was suggested that a grant be sought to improve the access and an application would be submitted the Kingspan grant fund by residents.

It was agreed to contact Herefordshire Council and Balfour Beatty to raise the issues relating to ZC93.

It was also agreed to establish the procedure in place to allow BT Openreach to carry out works to the junction box and to request that permission is granted by Herefordshire Council.

EM81 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Estates, Markets & Environment Committee meeting held on 15th February 2016 be agreed and signed as a correct record subject to the agreed amendment.

EM82 FRIDAY MARKET

The Market Officer presented his report updating Members on the operation of the Leominster Market. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED:**

- That the report be noted;

- Attendance at the Friday Market was now stable with a register of 19 regular traders in place;
- Concern had been expressed regarding the cycle racks being obstructed under the Millennium clock by traders and stalls. It was agreed that the Market Officer would deal with this matter and report back to Committee in due course;
- The first Home and Garden Market scheduled to take place on 22nd March was to be postponed following poor take-up;
- Various options related to the market and its future development were discussed including the possible use of Broad Street in the future;
- It was agreed to obtain costings for traffic management signage to manage future road closures.

EM83 LEOMINSTER IN BLOOM

Committee **NOTED** that a meeting between Leominster in Bloom and the Task & Finish Group had taken place on Friday 4th March 2016. A verbal update was presented and a written report would be distributed in due course.

It was agreed to investigate the development of a Public Houses in Bloom competition for Leominster especially with regard to entry costs to the main Britain in Bloom competition.

EM84 COMMITTEE UPDATE REPORT

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

- That the report be noted;
- That the impact of the future of the Lengthsman and P3 Schemes be noted and included in future budget preparations;
- That the Police be asked if the mobile CCTV camera was available once Butchers Row had been cleaned by BBLP to monitor use and possible fly tipping. The cleaning of Butchers Row would be undertaken once the scaffolding had been removed;
- That the Tranquil Place proposal be developed and the use of volunteers through the Re-greening Leominster Voluntary Group be secured;
- That the byelaws developed should include prohibition of flying drones from public spaces.

EM85 ALLOTMENTS

Committee considered the Allotment Report and following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

EM86 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

As certain items were expected to include the consideration of exempt information the Estates, Markets and Environment 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 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.

(a) Toilets Upgrade – Committee noted the report from the recent Task & Finish Group meeting and **RESOLVED:**

- That the Committee continued to support the negotiation of the transfer as outlined in the report;
- That the Committee continues to support the Task and Finish Group in its efforts to develop a final costed proposal for the upgrading of the three toilet blocks at Central car park, the Grange and Westbury Street. The proposed upgrades should include the investigation of solar panels and water recycling opportunities.

It was further agreed to investigate potential funding sources including the Co-op Community Awards Scheme.

There being no other business the Chair thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 20:47pm

CHAIR:

DATE: