

LEOMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Environment & Services Committee meeting held on Monday 20th January 2020 commencing at 19:00 hours in the Council Offices, 11 Corn Square, Leominster HR6 8YP.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Herschy (Chair), Smith-Winnard (Vice-Chair), Bartlett, Davies, Murdoch, Norman, Rumsey, Thomas and Williamson.

ALSO PRESENT: Ward Cllr Marsh, Philippa Roberts (BINIT Ltd)

OFFICERS PRESENT: Town Clerk Designate.

ES45/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Sutcliffe.

ES46/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Bartlett declared an interest as a member of Zero Carbon Leominster.

ES47/19 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There had been no requests for dispensations received.

ES48/19 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present. No matters were raised.

ES49/19 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Environment & Services Committee meeting held on 18th November 2019 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

ES50/19 WASTE RECYCLING PRESENTATION

An update from Philippa Roberts of Binit Ltd regarding the current business Waste recycling initiative being rolled out in association with Leominster Town Council.

- The businesses were surveyed one year ago regarding business waste requirements. The survey highlighted a need for cardboard recycling.
- Seven bins are currently located around the town for participating businesses to use at a cost of £25 per annum to use the service.
- The cardboard weight collected/monitored by the Town Council Environmental Team up until December was 2.62 tonnes.
- Recycling payment for cardboard is low at present but the price achieved is covering the administration costs.
- Binit Ltd were unable to negotiate a more economical General Waste contract for businesses at this time.
- Aluminium is currently worth £500 tonne and the feasibility of recycling cans was discussed.

- Binit agreed to provide a new press release with a view to relaunch the service in April 2020.

ES51/19 CLERK'S REPORT

Committee noted the Clerk's Report.

- (a) **Legionella Training** – it was **RESOLVED** that Leominster Town Council should arrange for one member of staff to attend training and approach two other organisations within the Town to share the cost.
- (b) **VE & VJ Day Tree Planting** – It was resolved to plant a tree to commemorate each event and provide a plaque.
- (c) **Flood Meeting Notes** - These were distributed and noted.
- (d) **Grounds Report** – The grounds report was noted.

ES52/19 COMMITTEE UPDATE REPORT

Committee considered the update report and **RESOLVED:**

- To note the report;
- To note the Allotment Drainage Report and seek advice from a local drainage contractor regarding the flooding of the allotment site.
- To contact Kington Town Major and Zero Carbon Leominster to pool resources to develop a Climate Change Action Plan.
- A Verges Task and Finish Group was appointed consisting of Cllrs. Herschy, Bartlett, Williamson and Smith-Winnard. They will meet at 10am on 12th February at Grange Court.
- It was noted that the Deeds to the Millennium Green had been located and that a meeting of the Task and Finish Group consisting of Cllrs. Herschy, Thomas, Murdoch and Davies would meet to discuss a prioritised action plan.
- To note that a report regarding the diversion of footpath ZC135 was received from a member of the public and that this had been reported to Balfour Beatty by the Clerk Designate.

ES53/19 GROUNDS TEAM UPDATE

Committee noted the update report and **RESOLVED:**

- To approach a local school to help with the additional tree planting proposal at the Priory.
- To leave piles of dead wood stripped from the tree surgery work in The Priory to encourage new insect habitats.

ES54/19 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 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) **Draft Lease** – It was noted that Lloyds Cooper LLP Solicitors had forwarded a draft lease and that some amendments had to be made.

ES55/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Committee noted that the next meeting would be held on Monday 16th March 2020 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 20:15 hours.

CHAIR:

DATE: