

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 27TH JUNE 2019

Voting members present: Cllrs: J Bryson (Chairman), S Browning, L Deely, T Gibbs, P La Broy, L Moores, F Partridge, H Partridge, P Tilzey, D Towl and N Tucker

Officers present: Mr K Cornwell – Town Clerk and RFO (TC)
Mrs T Gliddon – Committee Administrator (CA)

Meeting Start time: 6.30pm

- E/15/19** **To receive and accept apologies for absence**
Cllrs P Moores and non-committee member R Willingham
- E/16/19** **To receive registered and non-registered disclosable pecuniary interests and non-registerable interest-**
None
- E/17/19** **Dispensations: to consider requests for dispensations**
None
- E/18/19** **Minutes: To receive, confirm and sign the Minutes of the Environmental Committee Meeting held on 16th May 2019**
Resolved: that the minutes were a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
- E/19/19** **Public participation – a maximum of 15 minutes for public present to make comments concerning the business of the committee(maximum of 2 minutes per person - dependent on numbers present; questions must be directed through the Chairman)**
No comments received.
- E/20/19** **To receive a report from the Facilities Manager**
The Committee discussed the fleet vehicles and the possible purchase of electric pickup trucks but as these are not available on the market as of yet, this would be looked at again at a future meeting.
The Committee also discussed other options to utilize the ground at the Pitch & Putt, carpark spaces at the rear of the Crescent and grass cutting.
Resolved: to purchase the fully electric facilities van. To re-new the Isuzu truck for a new Isuzu truck (as per the 3 year swap out matrix).
- E/21/19** **To consider future arrangements for Bude in Bloom and the provision and location of hanging baskets**
The Committee discussed options to encourage more sales of the hanging baskets. They also discussed seasonal planting, involving Bude Friends of the Earth with regard to planting and the possibility of an Eco Brick planter in the town.
Resolved: that BSTC would continue with the provision of Hanging Baskets (Bude in Bloom). A working group would consider a planting vision for Bude, to comprise of Cllrs: L Moores, S Browning, T Gibbs, P La Broy, J Bryson any other interested Cllr.

E/22/19 **To consider a complaint regarding dog mess on public spaces and any steps to improve public safety**
Discussion with regard to dogs on leads and new updated signage on Summerleaze Downs highlighting the dangers of dog fouling. The Committee agreed that they did not want to ban dogs from Summerleaze Downs or impose a dogs on leads policy, but did agree that new signage was needed.
Resolved: that BSTC purchase new signage for Summerleaze Downs, to include the dangers to public health surrounding dog fouling.
Resolved: that the Environment Committee write to the Government requesting the re-introduction of the Dog Licence (a copy to Scott Mann MP).

E/23/19 **To receive an update on Grass Cutting SLA's with Cornwall Council and decide on the principles of undertaking further works**
The TC reported that meetings had taken place with CC officers and that the situation had moved forward and that all payments were up to date, also up to date maps were now with BSTC operatives. The TC informed the Council that CC have moved away from the use of pesticides for weed killing treatments and that BSTC need to be aware of these changes. CC are in discussion with the TC and FM with regard to taking on the upkeep of more areas. Feedback from CC has been excellent in terms off BSTC operatives work in the Bude area.
The Council congratulated the BSTC operatives for their hard work.
The update was noted.

E/24/19 **To consider a complaint regarding cycling on the pathway on Summerleaze Downs and agree any necessary actions**
Discussion took place regarding the use of Summerleaze Downs by cyclists. The Council was reminded that planning permission is to be sought for a cycle path (as per FP/30/19). The possibility of new signage was discussed.
The letter was noted and the TC would reply to the complainant.

E/25/19 **To receive an update on the management of the beaches and dunes**
The TC reported on a recent meeting with C Cllrs and Environment Agency representatives. Cllr La Broy (CC), outlined the all round desire to reduce the height of the dunes and how this would be a gradual process to protect the area. Some funding is in place for works to go ahead.
The update was noted.

Meeting closed 8.13pm

Chairman's Signature.....Date.....