

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 8TH AUGUST 2019

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

Non-voting members present: Cllrs B Dixon, B Willingham & R Uhlig

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

Public: 12

Meeting Start time: 6.30pm

- E/26/19** **To receive and accept apologies for absence**
Cllr P La Broy
- E/27/19** **To receive registered and non-registered disclosable pecuniary interests and non-registerable interest-**
None
- E/28/19** **Dispensations: to consider requests for dispensations**
None
- E/29/19** **Minutes: To receive, confirm and sign the Minutes of the Environmental Committee Meeting held on 27th June 2019**
Resolved: that the minutes were a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
- E/30/19** **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)**
Members of the public present discussed the BSTC Environmental Policy, in particular with regard to green energy, tree planting, recycling and single use plastic. The Mayor and Cllrs reiterated BSTC's aspirations to work towards their goals set out in the Environmental Policy, working alongside groups within the town.
- E/31/19** **To receive a report from the Facilities Manager**
Discussion took place with regard to Seagull proof bins on BSTC property. Signage for the Pitch and Putt was discussed.
Resolved: that the report was received and noted.
- E/32/19** **To consider the Christmas Lights situation and agree any associated actions and expenditure**
It had come to the Council's attention that the group which had been organising Christmas Lights in Bude had now folded and that the lights in their possession had been offered, via social media, to the Council for their use. It was pointed out that BSTC has assisted with Christmas lights in previous years with the use of the Cherry picker and members of the outdoor team assisting. BSTC had also paid for some of the large baubles lights used in the Triangle tree. Additional help with Light Up Bude had been offered last year but this offer had been declined.

Following lengthy discussion, the Council felt it could not become involved with Christmas lights for private individuals or their premises, but could look at ways to enhance the lighting already in place on BSTC owned buildings and land.

Resolved: that BSTC would be willing to acquire the Christmas Lights from Light Up Bude, on the understanding that the lights would then solely belong to BSTC and would only be used on BSTC property and public owned open spaces and buildings, all subject to electrical and safety testing.

E/33/19 To receive Incident Report Card training and agree to participate in the Community Enforcement Partnership Pilot

The Council and staff members present received a power point training session on the use of the incident report cards for the Community Enforcement Partnership.

Resolved: That BSTC participate in the Community Enforcement Partnership Pilot.

E/34/19 To receive an update on enforcement arrangements and agree any actions and expenditure

The TC outlined 3 options open to BSTC regarding Enforcement provision:

Option 1: In House provision

Option 2: Partnership approach

Option 3: Service Level agreement

Discussion took place surrounding each option.

Resolved: that the TC be instructed to gain more information regarding Option 2 – a partnership with CC for Enforcement issues, and to look into the powers that any Enforcement Officer would have.

E/35/19 To request CC and the Police to investigate speeding issues in Poughill and take appropriate traffic calming and enforcement measures

Resolved: that BSTC request that the TC write to CC and the Police to investigate speeding issues in Poughill and take appropriate traffic calming and enforcement measures

E/36/19 To receive the budget report for Quarter One 2019/20

The TC and Cllrs discussed the report.

Resolved: that the report be noted.

Meeting closed 8.30pm

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