



BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment Committee held on Thursday 9 June 2022 at 6.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House, Quay Road, Blyth, NE24 2AS

Present:

Councillors: K Nisbet (Chair), A Barrass, C Jones, J R Potts, J Reid, M Robson, S Stanger, W Taylor, A Watson

Also Present: Councillor D Carr

Officers:

Joseph Hughes, Town Clerk
M Wilkinson, Deputy Town Clerk

Members of the Public - 0

Invited Guest(s) 0

Allotment Holder Questions

There were no questions from Allotment Holders

Minute No	
1	Apologies for Absence Councillors: A Cartie, M Richardson
2	Disclosure of Interests and Grant of Dispensations Councillor A Watson re Agenda Item 9.
3	Actions arising from previous Minutes
3.1	Investigate the option to purchase seats using recycled materials in future schemes. Update: ongoing.
3.2	Consultation to be carried out with residents for a new play area on land in Chestnut Avenue instead of refurbishing the current Millfield Gardens Play Area in 2023/24. NCC have no objections and Officers will carry out a Consultation Exercise

3.3	<p>with Residents in 2023/24, subject to Budget approval for a Play Park Scheme. Further actions deferred to 2023/24.</p> <p>Consultation on the relocation of the Skate Park. Update: In progress. Councillor Watson to also contact NCC regarding S106 funding.</p>
4	<p>Environment Budget Monitoring Report</p> <p>Members noted contents of the report. The Town Clerk will write to NCC to confirm the provision and liability for street furniture e.g., Bus Shelters and Seats, at the new Railway Stations within the Town.</p> <p>The Committee also reaffirmed their stance as to tidying vacant plots for re-let. The plots at 10th Avenue were discussed in detail and Officers will review vacant plots in addition to these.</p> <p>Members will also programme a visit to all sites.</p>
5	<p>Decision Report (1) – Notice Board</p> <p>Committee RESOLVED to agree to the new notice board, in the South Blyth ward, becoming a Blyth Town Council asset following installation. The cost for this is being met from a County Councillor’s MLIS.</p> <p>The Committee also asked Officers to carry out a full review of Notice Boards we have access to to ensure they are fit for purpose and display meaningful Council and other information.</p> <p>Decision Report (2) – Bolam Avenue Allotments Boundary</p> <p>Committee RESOLVED to agree to cutting down 6 trees on Ford Drive to mitigate against any future storm damage and that the 43 remaining trees be added to the Council’s asset register.</p> <p>The Committee also asked the Town Clerk to write to NCC about the ownership of the remaining trees. It is felt that the boundary line between the Allotment fence and the Highway is not consistent to that of other situations within the Town.</p>

	Officers confirmed that now that the trees are the Council's liability, there will be an insurance claim to this effect for the damage to the boundary wall during Storm Arwen.
6	Delegation Actions Report There are no delegated actions to report.
7	Information Report Members noted the information report with regard to: 1. Allotments 2. Play Areas 3. Bins 4. Bus Shelters 5. Defibrillators
8	Specific Allotment Issues There are no other specific issues.
9	Enforcement Members noted the information contained in the reports for the Enhanced and Core Services for February to April 2022.
10	Any Other Business There was no other business.
11	Date and Time of Next Meeting The next Environment Committee will take place on Thursday 15 September 2022 in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House. Allotment holders question session starts at 6.00pm and will be directly followed by the Committee meeting.
12	Part II Pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960; that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw.

Members of the Environment Committee

Councillors:

K Nisbet (Chair)
M Richardson (Vice Chair)
A Barrass
A Cartie
B Erskine
C Humphrey
C Jones
J R Potts
J Reid
M Robson
S Stanger
W Taylor
A Watson