

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

HELD ON MONDAY, 13 JULY 2009

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| * Cllr J Barfoot (Chair) | * Cllr Mrs Symonds |
| * Cllr A Burlton | Cllr R Taylor |
| * Cllr Mrs D Hollebon (Vice Chair) | * Cllr C Woodward |
| * Cllr C Horner | Cllr J Wyllie |

In attendance: James Parker – CEO, Cllr M Wood

- * Denotes present

136. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Wyllie.

137. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Horner declared an interest in 'Listed Buildings' under Item 7.

138. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

139. PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL BY MR MARK RANGER – ULTRA LIGHT RAILWAY – (Cllr Woodward)

A presentation was received. A full feasibility study would cost approx £25000. Rough estimates for build cost are £1-3M per route kilometre for a 12K route.

RESOLVED that the Council give the idea further consideration with a view to investigating funding for the feasibility study (proposed Cllr Woodward, Seconded Cllr Hollebon).

140. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 MARCH 2009

NOTED that British Waterways have not yet decided on a date to provide a further presentation. RESOLVED that further financial and timescale details are requested from BW.

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

141. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 MAY 2009

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting be confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

- 142. UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S) – ANNEX 1**
Dog Bins: Colin is dealing with it as Ward Councillor. It was suggested that a 106 agreement for planning on the site include provision of dog bins.

Bus Shelters: Heathrow shelters have been installed. No suitable bus shelter is available for the Dunmow Road site. It was therefore agreed that the action be CLOSED.

RESOLVED that the provision of shelters opposite the Hockerill Church, Brazier Quay and Oriole Way be pursued, also that the responsible authority be requested to clean the one outside Tesco Metro in town centre.
- 143. ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY IMPLICATIONS (Cllr Barfoot) – APPENDIX A**
RESOLVED that an Environmental audit of the council activities be carried out.
- 144. TOWN PLAN UPDATE**
Deferred until later in agenda
- 145. TOWN CENTRE ENHANCEMENT REPORT (Cllr Woodward) – APPENDIX B**
RESOLVED that implementation of the agreed activities be left delegated to Town Centre Management.

Cllr Hollebon asked whether there would be a revenue cost for Cigarette ad Chewing gum disposal. Agreed that this be investigated before proceeding with these items.
- 146. DISABLED ACCESS (Cllr Barfoot) – APPENDIX C**
No actions
- 147. GARDENING SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY – (Cllr Woodward) – APPENDIX D**
Cllr Mrs Hollebon advised that she was the Bishop's Stortford Town Council representative on Bishop's Stortford Action for the Disabled and, as such, she would report back to the Committee on matters which the Group requested for debate by members.

Report received with updates to be forthcoming from Cllr Hollebon.

RESOLVED that CEO to investigate options in discussion with Cllr Woodward prior to next meeting.
- 148. MOAT**
The CEO advised that a further report is expected from the consultant by end of July.
- 149. FLYPOSTING AND GRAFFITI (Cllr Woodward) – APPENDIX E**
RESOLVED that the powers to remove flyposted materials be sought (proposed Cllr Woodward, Seconded Cllr Symonds).
- 150. A BOARDS – APPENDIX F**
The report was received. Cllr Woodward reported that local businesses would be delivered a code of practice during the week commencing 20th July.

151. FOOTPATH 53 – APPENDIX G

The report was received. Cllr Woodward stated that this is an excellent example of community power and working together of the various bodies involved.

It was RESOLVED that Hockerill School be asked to remove the gate across footpath 85 (proposed Cllr Woodward seconded Cllr Horner)

152. SHINE INITIATIVE – APPENDIX H

It was RESOLVED that the town council be asked to support the Shine Initiative. Proposed Cllr Symonds and seconded Cllr Horner that we recommend that an invitation be issued to all councillors and that we provide verbal support.

153. REVIEW OF REMIT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REGARDING FOOTPATHS

Noted

154. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

None

155. URGENT BUSINESS

Residents will lose the Excel 333 service, which connects to the E&H and PAH Hospitals. Cllr Wood believes we need to bring the various people together as a matter of urgency. Jeff Tucker (HCC Head of PTU) + Portfolio Holder of East Herts (Cllr Mike Carver), Cllrs Barfoot and Woodward to be invited to a meeting attended by Cllrs Symonds & Wood.

156. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that under Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960 that the Press and Public be excluded during the discussions on Agenda item 26 in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

157. TOWN PLAN UP-DATE (Cllr Barfoot)

A short feedback and example chapter were presented.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.