

# LEOMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

## ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Environment & Services Committee meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 19.00 hours remotely via Zoom.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillors Herschy (Chair), Smith-Winnard (Vice-Chair), Bartlett, Davies, Murdoch, Norman, Rumsey, Sutcliffe (19:10), Thomas and Williamson (19:24).

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Town Clerk, Democratic Services Officer

**ES49/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Parris (Illness)

**ES50/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Herschy -LARC  
Cllr. Murdoch -Allotments  
Cllr. Sutcliffe - LARC  
Cllr. Smith-Winnard – Leominster in Bloom  
Cllr. Norman – LARC/ Leominster-in-Bloom

**ES51/20 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

There had been no requests for dispensations received.

**ES52/20 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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

**ES53/20 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Cllr. Bartlett requested an update on the installation of the gate at ZC20 near Orchard Lane. The clerk will check to see if the installation has been completed  
It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Environment & Services Committee meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 be agreed and signed as a correct record as soon as the social distancing guidelines are relaxed further and normal meetings resume at 11 Corn Square.

**ES54/20 CLERK'S REPORT**

- **Binit Business Cardboard Recycling** – The cardboard from the bins has been recycled and the clerk is checking when the Town Council will get a return on this.
- Herefordshire Council intend to extend the Public Spaces Protection Order for another 3 years. This will cover areas such as cemeteries, play areas and open spaces. Herefordshire Council have requested feedback from the Town Council as to whether they would agree to an extension. The clerk will find out what areas they are proposing and will request an extension to provide feedback.

- Countryside verges – Balfour Beatty have requested a list of verges that will only require one cut by 9<sup>th</sup> April.
- A letter has been received from ECHO regarding the condition of Aida's Accessible Amble. The path is very muddy which is making it very difficult for wheelchair users. The clerk will send a representative from the Maintenance team to review the area

#### **ES55/20 COMMITTEE UPDATE REPORT**

Committee considered the update report and following discussion they

##### **RESOLVED:**

- To note the report.
- To support, in general, the proposed footpath diversions (ZC85 and ZC86), although concerns were raised as to why the route marked B-C (ZC85) needs to be changed.
- To sign the Lengthsman Drainage Scheme contract for 2021/22.
- To inform the Environment Agency that all the works listed can go ahead.
- To write to the Leominster Town Council Parish Footpath Officer, Dennis Downey, to thank him for their service, as they are leaving the role after 8 years of service.
- That Cllr. Herschy would become the Leominster Town Council Parish Footpath Officer and that the clerk would provide further guidance and arrange for an authorisation letter from Balfour Beatty.
- To request a presentation, at a Full Council meeting, from the Slow Ways Project officer.
- To note the verbal update from Cllr. Williamson in respect of the Environmental Working Group:
  - The group met on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 and agreed to focus initially on the Council's assets;
  - The group are investigating the availability of Town Council Officer time to support them;
  - The group intends to record achievements in respect of outside spaces and assets;
  - A dedicated page will be set up on the new Town Council website;
  - A meeting has been held with Beth Lewis regarding Natural Flood Management;
  - The group will feedback at every Full Council meeting.
- To request support from Leominster in Bloom for the planting of wildflower plugs.

#### **ES56/20 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Committee noted that there were no confidential items to consider.

#### **ES57/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Committee noted that the next meeting would be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 19:00hrs either remotely via Zoom or in the Council Chamber, 11 Corn Square, Leominster HR6 8YP depending on the lifting of social distancing restrictions by central government.

There being no other business, the Chair thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 20.31 hours.

**CHAIR:**

**DATE:**