

LEOMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Environment & Services Committee meeting held on Monday 16th November 2020 19.00 hours remotely via Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Herschy (Chair), Smith-Winnard (Vice-Chair) (19:06), Bartlett, Davies, Murdoch, Norman, Parris (19:13), Rumsey, Sutcliffe, Thomas and Williamson (19:22).

OFFICERS PRESENT: Town Clerk

ES31/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

ES32/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Murdoch – Allotments
Cllr. Sutcliffe – Farmers Market/LARC

ES33/20 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There had been no requests for dispensations received.

ES34/20 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

ES35/20 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Environment & Services Committee meeting held on Monday 14th September 2020 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.

ES36/20 CLERK'S REPORT

- Communication has been received from Herefordshire Council regarding s106 funding amounting to £36,177.00 available towards the provision of open space facilities at Ropewalk Avenue and the possibility of an asset transfer. This will be raised on the agenda of the Full Council meeting on 30th November 2020.
- A letter has been received detailing the town council CCTV contribution for 2021/22 of £11,089.34.
- Binit Cardboard Recycling Scheme – a report was requested before the meeting but as the member of staff allocated to oversee the Leominster Scheme has left Binit, a short update was provided. The last skip exchange was 22nd September and it weighed 1.42 tonnes. This will be looked at in more detail before the next meeting.

ES37/20 COMMITTEE UPDATE REPORT

Committee considered the update report and following discussion they

RESOLVED:

- To note the report;
- To appoint a small Task & Finish Group to investigate the pollution of rivers with soil run off from agricultural activities as highlighted by the Environment Agency. The town council are currently waiting for a response from Balfour Beatty.
- That following a formal complaint by Leominster Town Council to Herefordshire Council regarding permission for removal of trees through the planning process, a meeting was held via Webex to clarify what Herefordshire Council can do about tree conservation and planting in Leominster. Cllr. Marsh, Cllr. Herschy, Herefordshire Council's Tree Officer and the Manager of the Built and Natural Environment met and a number of points were clarified. Following discussion, it was agreed to research the matter further.

ES38/20 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Committee noted that there were no confidential items to consider.

ES39/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Committee noted that the next meeting would be held on Monday 11th January 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 20:14 hours.

CHAIR:

DATE: