

LEOMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Environment & Services Committee meeting held on Monday 15th November 2021 commencing at 19:00 hours in the Council Chamber, 11 Corn Square, Leominster HR6 8YP.

It was noted that Cllr Williamson was called to the meeting but resigned in September 2021.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Bartlett, Herschy, Marsh, Murdoch, Norman and Sutcliffe.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Town Clerk, Democratic Services Officer, Environment & Grounds Supervisor.

ES31/21 ELECTION OF CHAIR

In the absence of Cllr Smith-Winnard, Committee appointed Cllr Herschy as Chair for the meeting.

ES32/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted by the Committee for Cllr Davies (Illness), Cllr Rumsey (Illness) and Cllr Smith-Winnard (Personal). The Committee sent its condolences to Cllr Smith-Winnard.

ES33/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Murdoch - Allotments
Cllr. Norman - Leominster-in-Bloom

ES34/21 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There had been no requests for dispensations received.

ES35/21 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

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

ES36/21 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Cllr Norman queried whether footpath ZC143 had re-opened. Cllr Norman was advised that the footpath is still closed. The clerk will contact the Environment Agency to reinstall the closure notice.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Environment & Services Committee meeting held on Monday 13th September 2021 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

ES37/21 CLERK'S REPORT

The clerk had nothing to report.

ES38/21 COMMITTEE UPDATE REPORT

Committee considered the update report and following discussion they

RESOLVED:

- To note the report;
- To arrange for the overhanging branches on pavements around the town to be removed;
- To contact Balfour Beatty regarding the resurfacing of footpath ZC94 by Leominster Primary School;
- To obtain quotes from the lengthsman to infill the potholes on footpath ZC94 by Leominster Primary School;
- To note that concerns were raised regarding a bus turning and reversing towards pupils when they were leaving Leominster Primary School;
- To obtain a location app (for use on mobile phones) and set up a risk assessment for the Footpath Officers;
- To note the following points regarding The Queens Green Canopy:
 - To request that mixed black poplars are planted at the Brightwells site;
 - To note that the clerk has recommended Frank Matthews to supply the heritage fruit trees for the Ginhall Green site as they supplied the original trees;
 - To note that the Moravian Church has requested that some trees are planted in their grounds;
 - To note that the Environment Agency will initially be responsible for a replacement and maintenance contract for the trees
- To note the suggestion to contact James Bissett at Herefordshire Council regarding a Community Orchard pruning event;
- To forward contact details for the Binit waste recycling initiative to Grange Court;
- To note that Arkwright Court and Grange Court were also recipients of a Heart of England in Bloom award;
- To note the verbal update from the clerk in respect of the Environmental Working Group:
 - The Group met at 6pm prior to the Environment & Services Committee meeting;
 - The Group discussed Leominster Town Council's tree statement and this will be included on the agenda for the next Environment & Services Committee meeting;
 - An environmental assessment has been carried out on the Servants Quarters and it has been established that there is no insulation in the roof. A quote for wool insulation has been obtained for 11 Corn Square. The clerk will obtain 2 further quotes and find out if any grants are available for the work.
- To note that further paperwork for the Great Places to Visit Fund is in the form of a deed and will need to be considered at the next Full

Council meeting on 29th November 2021. Potential projects to be funded under the scheme include:

- The installation of 3 benches in Corn Square and 2 benches in Broad Street;
- A shop front grant scheme. Guidance for the scheme will be requested from Historic England;
- Improvements to Aidas Accessible Amble. The clerk has obtained a quote for a 2-metre-wide amble from Pinsley Mill to the 5 bar gate.
- To note that Cllr Marsh will attend the opening of the flood scheme, by the Environment Agency on 26th November 2021, at the rear of the Mallards.

ES39/21 GROUNDS TEAM UPDATE

Committee considered the update report and following discussion they

RESOLVED:

- To note the report;
- To note that the seeds on the wildflower area on Ginhall Green have germinated;
- To arrange for the plaque by the War memorial to be cleaned;
- To request that Herefordshire Council deploy a sweeper to pick up the leaves on Westfield Walk;
- That Leominster Town Council will not purchase any growing medium that contains peat.

ES40/21 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Committee noted that there were no confidential items to consider.

ES41/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Committee noted that the next meeting would be held on Monday 10th January 2022 at 19:00hrs in the Council Chamber, 11 Corn Square, Leominster HR6 8YP.

There being no other business, the Chair thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 20.20 hours.

CHAIR:

DATE: