

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held in the
THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, QUEEN STREET, BARTON-UPON-HUMBER on
MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2017 - COMMENCING at 7.00p.m.

Present: Councillor F Coulseay (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs S Evison, Mrs J Oxley and Mr J Oxley.

Also Present: Councillors J Sanderson & Mrs W Witter. Mr D Witter (Barton Rotary Club) Mr J French (Barton Civic Society) and Mrs C Clark (Deputy Town Clerk)

268. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors Mrs A Clark (personal commitment) and Ms J Warton (meeting elsewhere) Mr A Robinson and Mr M D'Alessandro (Barton Civic Society)

269. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations were made for this meeting.

270. **Report from Outside Organisations**

(a) **Barton Lions Club**

Councillor Mr J Oxley advised they will be joining the Great British Clean Up on 4 March 2017. Gave date of events later in the year including Easter Egg raffle, Race Night for Lindsey Lodge Hospice, Beer Festival and Bike Night support. He also advised they would not be funding any further seats in the town centre area.

(b) **Barton Rotary Club**

Mr D Witter advised they will be joining the Great British Clean Up, also planting £100 of spring wild flowers in the woods at Humber Bridge Viewing Area. They will be joining various planting schemes throughout the year.

(c) **Barton Civic Society**

Mr J French gave an update of work at The Beck, advising the railings were now completed; the two benches have been replaced. If anyone was interested in refurbishing the old benches they are currently in storage. Ivy has been removed from the churchyard wall at Soutergate, the wall will be repaired in the Spring. Litter picking and keeping the area clean is an ongoing project with a Friends of Beck Hill group being formed to continue this work. Crown lifting of trees joining the Beck will be carried out by North Lincolnshire Council, spraying to remove dock weed from the seeded banks will be carried out by A N Robinson.

The Civic Society Environment Sub-Committee will be carrying out a tree audit and identifying new potential sites. They also suggested replacing the post mounted litter bin at High Street/Finkle Lane junction with a bigger bin as this is always full. It was reported the Barton Regeneration 2018 group are currently upgrading bins in the town centre.

271. **Minutes of Meeting held on the 21 November 2016**

It was noted that these minutes had been signed as a correct record, for action as necessary, at a meeting of the town council held on 7 December 2016.

272. **Matters Arising**

(a) **Humber Bank Seats** (Min Ref:- 178(c)/73)

Members were advised the first three seats needed a final coat of paint and should be installed next week. They have been delayed due to staff illness and holiday by the contractor. Sponsor plaques have been ordered and will be added to the seat before installation.

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(b) **Sites for Public Seats** (Min Ref:- 180(vi)/74)

Members were advised North Lincolnshire Council considered most of the seat sites in the town centre unsuitable. They came back with 3 locations in Junction Square, High Street and Holydyke which they could see no issue on a highway stand point, but would have to check there would be no objection before permission given. It was agreed the Chairman plus one other Committee Member, whoever is available, to meet on site with North Lincolnshire Council to discuss this further for report back to the first available town council meeting.

Resolved that Councillor F Coulsej plus one other Committee Member to meet on site with North Lincolnshire Council to discuss suitable locations, for report back to the first available town council meeting.

273. **New Planter – Far Ings Road** (Min Ref:- 194(c)/81 – BTC 07/12/16)

Members considered purchasing another planter for this location on Far Ings Road and agreed the current one looks a little lost on this large grass area. The cost in August 2016 was £485 + vat, it was agreed to purchase the same planter with funding from the 2017/2018 earmarked reserve of repairs/renewals.

Resolved that a further planter at £485 +vat to be purchased for this site with funding from the 2017/2018 earmarked reserve for repairs/renewals. North Lincolnshire Council to be contacted to agree the location.

274. **Forward Planning 2017**

(a) **Planters and Hanging Baskets**

Members considered planting and maintenance of the current 20 planters and 21 hanging baskets for the town. Prices for this work should be sought from three contractors, it was noted a price had been received from the current contractor. Due to the planting season starting very soon, it was agreed to request three prices and authorise the Chairman and town council office to accept the best price within budget for this scheme to continue.

Resolved that three prices to be requested and the Chairman and town council office to be authorise to accept the best price within budget for this scheme to continue.

(b) **Community Planting at Barrow Road and Ferriby Road**

Members considered planting and maintenance of the community planting schemes on Barrow Road and Ferriby Road. Due to the planting season starting very soon, it was agreed to request three prices and authorise the Chairman and town council office to accept the best price within budget for this scheme to continue.

Resolved that three prices to be requested and the Chairman and town council office to be authorise to accept the best price within budget for this scheme to continue.

(c) **Best Kept Garden and Hanging Basket Competition**

Members discussed this event and agreed to organise in the same format as previous years with the same judging as 2016. Ways to give more publicity to get additional entries was also discussed which included using the local radio and newspaper, posters in town notice boards and business shop windows, producing bio-degradable plastic bags advertising the competition for use by local gardening businesses and banner on Ferriby Road. Publicity of town council events in general was also discussed, with suggestion to have display boards detailing the competition and other council events at the Barton Carnival or Picnic in the Park, possibly in conjunction with the Friends of Baysgarth Park to allow sufficient councillors to be available. The Picnic was considered the better

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option as Councillors would already be attending and The Carnival was an event over two days. It was agreed to get prices for these ideas before deciding the best option for further publicity.

Resolved that:-

- (i) The Best Kept Garden and Hanging Basket Competition to be organised in the same format at previous years, using the same judging as 2016 with a presentation evening in September;
- (ii) Further free publicity to be organised on the local radio and newspaper, posters in town notice boards and business shop windows;
- (iii) Prices to be obtained for bio-degradable plastic bags advertising the competition for use by local gardening businesses and a banner on Ferriby Road;
- (iv) Friends of Baysgarth Park to be contacted if interested in joining the town council to have display boards at the Picnic in the Park rather than The Carnival to publicise what both are doing.

(d) **Bulb Planting**

Members agreed to purchase spring bulbs for planting on Saturday 21 October 2017, 9.30am meeting in Baysgarth Museum car park. The budget to be spent on daffodil bulbs this year, with current sites checked in spring 2017 for any additional bulbs required, noting the picnic area at Barrow Mere required further daffodils. The Civic Society offered to plant some daffodils at The Beck.

Resolved that:-

- (i) daffodil bulbs to be purchased within budget for planting as mentioned above;
- (ii) Bulb planting by all Members to be on Saturday 21 October 2017, 9.30am meeting in Baysgarth Museum car park.

The Chairman, Councillor F Coulsey closed the meeting at 7.55 p.m.

..... Chairman

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