

BRACKNELL TOWN COUNCIL  
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
31<sup>st</sup> July 2018

**Present: Chairman:** Cllr: Clive Harrison.  
Cllrs: Gill Birch, Sandra Ingham, Mike Gibson, Roger Meakes, Paula-Elizabeth Pooler,  
Michael Skinner, Mary Temperton and Jo Woodcock.  
**Co-opted:** Cllrs: Chris Turrell and Peter Hill (until 8.30pm).  
**In Attendance:** J Burgess TC, A Moffat RFM, L Boorman FAO.

**The Meeting opened at 7.30pm and closed at 9.10pm**

*The fire procedure was clarified before the meeting commenced.*

**2307 Co-opted Members**

Cllr Chris Turrell was co-opted to the meeting to discuss agenda item 9 (Officers Report – Bus Shelters) and confidential item 12 (Leases).

Cllr Peter Hill was co-opted to the meeting to discuss agenda item 5 (Carbon Footprint Working Group).

**2308 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**2309 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Services Committee held on the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were proposed for agreement by Cllr Clive Harrison and seconded by Cllr Gill Birch. Providing the minutes be amended to reflect the correct start time of 7.30pm. AGREED

**2310 Matters Arising**

2239 – Larges Lane. The post graduate from Reading University will carry out a survey on the insects and biodiversity audit and will be in contact in September 2018 to discuss further.

2235 – Mill Park. Still waiting for a response from SSE in regards to the power supply to McDonalds.

2236 – Ringmead Site. Talks are ongoing with BFC regarding expansion of the car park.

2240 – North Lake. Photographs taken by the professional drone photographer were displayed to the committee. Cllr Gill Birch proposed the purchase of one of the photographs displaying South Hill Park Arts Centre, North Lake and the green space around. This was seconded by Cllr Clive Harrison. AGREED

2242 – Birch Hill Recreation Ground. The clubs that were approached in regards to contribute funding for a Defibrillator are keen and taking the proposed request to their next committee meetings.

2243 – BARDO. The ‘PAWS’ traffic light system has gone live and positive feedback has been received. A Frames will be positioned around North Lake at different intervals explaining the ‘PAWS’ system. BTC to look into the possibility of a leaflet drop about the ‘PAWS’ system to local residents around North Lake. Details of the paws system to be included in the Bracknell Matters.

BARDO received a good turnout, and suggestions were given by the committee to schedule further BARDO events at weekends and early mornings.

**2311 Carbon Footprint Working Group**

Chairman of the Carbon Footprint Working Group, Cllr Peter Hill updated the committee that the working group are quantifying all BTC energy usage for 2017, this covers gas, electricity and fuel. Investigations are underway to seek costings to convert all BTC lighting to LED.

Update of the recent presentation provided by Tesla to the working group was elucidated.

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Cllr Peter Hill proposed the following recommendation be taken to Strategy and Finance; BTC switch to renewable energy once the energy contracts are up for renewal in 2020 and 2021. This was seconded by Cllr Roger Meakes. AGREED

**2312 Community Events Working Group**

Cllr Gill Birch updated the committee of the WWI event development and the progress the working group has achieved. This includes forming good working partnerships with RBLI and encouraging nine local schools to take part in the WWI art and poem competitions. NOTED

**2313 Listed Buildings**

Bracknell Forest has a significant heritage of buildings and other features and monuments that provide a link to our past and enrich our built environment. Many historic buildings are already protected by being statutory listed buildings; however there are many less important buildings that have some local historic interest and make a significant contribution to the local character. In order to recognise this contribution and ensure that recognition is given to the importance of such buildings in the planning process BFC is looking to establish a Local List of Buildings of Architectural or Historic Interest (a 'Local List'). Bracknell Town Council has been invited as a relevant local body, to nominate any buildings and structures for inclusion on a Local List. These buildings and structures, once selected will not have the same statutory protection as a listed building but inclusion on the local list designates a building or structure as a heritage asset, and ensures that their significance is taken into account when assessing planning proposals or applications for development.

The committee discussed various items that were removed from the Town Centre during the building of The Lexion such as the public artwork and the Post Office original entrance to be persevered. Details of the 'List of Buildings of Community Interest' are included in the BTC Neighbourhood Plan within the evidence appendices section. The committee were asked to put forward any recommendations for the local list before 17<sup>th</sup> August 2018. NOTED

**2314 Jocks Lane Tennis Courts – LTA Registration**

The committee considered and discussed the option to appoint a Welfare Officer that has undertaken the necessary training. A diversity and inclusion policy. Safeguarding and vulnerable adults policy, and DBS criminal records check undertaken for relevant roles. Further investigation and information is to be obtained and taken to the relevant committee. AGREED.

**Officers Report**

**2315 Bracknell Rugby Club**

A request from the Chairman of the Bracknell Rugby Club was brought forward to the committee regarding the provision of rugby facilities within Bracknell. The Bracknell Rugby Club would like Bracknell Town Council to consider the following:

- a) The provision of changing rooms at Calfridus Way Recreation Ground so that the players could get changed on site rather than changing at the Club and crossing the London Road to access Calfridus Way Recreation Ground.
- b) Provision of a second Rugby Pitch at Calfridus Way. Would the Town Council consider turning the football pitch into a rugby pitch or looking at a ground share where both rugby and football is marked out in different colours.
- c) Agreement for the use of mobile floodlights. To give another option for training sessions during the winter months the Rugby Club have some mobile floodlights. Would the Town Council consider giving permission for the use of these at Calfridus Way for the duration of a winter training (2 hours) Calfridus Way currently has one Football Pitch and one Rugby Pitch, there are no changing facilities and no floodlights.

A meeting will be scheduled with BTC officers and the Chairman of the Rugby Club to discuss the provision of changing room facilities. AGREED

**2316 Environment Wardens**

A list of the events that the Environment Wardens will be attending over the next months were provided to

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the committee.

The Environment Wardens have worked with students at Rise@GHC (Garth Hill College) for 4 weeks. The response from the support co-ordinator stated, this link without local community is so valuable for our pupils giving them information, opportunities and experiences that will help build confidence, social awareness and self-esteem. The Environment wardens were very understanding of our pupil's needs and some of the barriers they face with communication by delivering clear, interesting, informative sessions. NOTED

**2317 Great Hollands Recreation Area**

Sports England have awarded funding for the draining of the land to the front of the new pavilion at Great Hollands Recreation area, this will allow two junior football pitches to be installed. Papers are currently being drawn up and following approval by the BTC appointed Solicitor the Mayor and Leader of the Council will be requested to sign the documents. NOTED

**2318 Larges Lane Cemetery**

A successful meeting was held with BTC and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. Staff were very interested in attending a biodiversity talk at Larges Lane and have also offered parking at the school for any weekend funerals that are booked. NOTED

**2319 Bus Stop**

Committee were requested to consider a request from a resident to install a bus shelter at the bus stop on the Bagshot Road near Firlands. Further investigation are to be carried out with the Bus Company and information will be reported to the Strategy and Finance committee. Officers were also requested to look into a bus shelter for the stop on the Hanworth Road (Near Brunswick). AGREED

**2320 The Elms**

Committee were informed BTC have been approached by BFC regarding the use of S106 monies to resurface the paths at The Elms and also to construct a new path which will allow users to walk all the way around the perimeter of the Park. Monies could also be available to extend the tree arboretum and plant a wild flower meadow. The RFM is currently working on costings for this project. NOTED

**2321 BTC Works Completed**

Committee were provided with a list of recent works carried out by BTC Grounds Staff. NOTED

**2322 Events**

Committee were asked to NOTE the following upcoming events:

Summer of Fun	01/08/2018	Wildridings Playing Fields
Summer of Fun	16/08/2018	Braybrooke Recreation Ground
Paws In the Park	18/08/2018	North Lake
Summer of Fun	29/08/2018	North Lake
Public Services Day	04/10/2018	North Lake
WWI Event	11/11/2018	North Lake

**2323 Confidential Business**

To move that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, that pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as applied by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, Members of the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting.

**2324 Leases**

A report was presented to the committee in regards to potential land transfer. The committee agreed in principle that the 3 play areas would fit the current BTC areas but not the woodland. Officers were instructed to investigate this fully and to request the longest lease possibility when looking at renewing all the current BTC/BFC leases as part of this project.

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A more detailed report including cost to be brought to Strategy and Finance Committee meeting so they can be considered as part of the budget process.

**Date of next meeting** – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018, 7.30pm at Council Chamber Brooke House

Signed .....

Dated .....