

UCKFIELD TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of the **Environment and Leisure Committee** held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre on Monday 3rd June 2019 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr. J Beesley (Chairman)
Cllr. A. Smith
Cllr. S. Mayhew
Cllr. K. Bedwell

Cllr. D. French (Vice Chairman)
Cllr. J. Edwards
Cllrs. D. Bennett
Cllr. G. Johnson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Cllrs. C. Macve and P. Sparks
1 Press recording

Christine Wheatley – Assistant Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
Minutes taken by Christine Wheatley

1.0. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members and officers were reminded to make any declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interests that they may have in relation to items on the agenda. None were forthcoming.

2.0. STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON MATTERS ON THE AGENDA AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

None forthcoming.

3.0. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. B. Cox.

4.0. MINUTES

4.1. Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Leisure Committee held on the 23rd April 2019

EL03.06.19 It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Leisure Committee held on the 23rd April 2019 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4.2. Action list

Members considered the Action List that had been previously circulated and agreed to remove the following items which had either been completed or appeared elsewhere on the agenda:

EL011.07.18 – Road Safety Working Group.

To consider a report on the Civic Centre's Event & Marketing Programmes. Members were given an update on 155, Framfield Road.

4.3. Project Monitoring List – For information only

Members noted the Project Monitoring List.

5.0. FINANCE

5.1. To note bills paid

Members noted the bills paid.

5.2. No Income and Expenditure report until accounts completed.

6.0. ADMINISTRATION

6.1. To appoint members to Outside Bodies

a) West Park Local Nature Reserve.

EL04.06.19 It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr. J. Love as the Town Council's representative and Cllr. A Smith as a substitute.

b) Hempstead Meadows Local Nature Reserve.

EL05.06.19 It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllrs. D. French and J. Edwards as joint representatives.

6.2. Working Groups

Members noted a previously circulated report on the three current Working Groups, Children Stay Safe Day, Speed Indication Device (SID) and Historical Plaques.

Children Stay Safe Day Members wished to see the event continue, but it was agreed that we should wait to receive a full report on this year's event. It was reported that two members of the Working Group were no longer Councillors but were to assist on the day.

The Clerk asked for additional volunteers to assist on the day.

EL06.06.19 It was **RESOLVED** to wait for the report on this year's event and then look at possible ways to reinvigorate the day.

Speed Indication Device (SID) Members agreed to discuss this item further under agenda item 9.2.

Historical Plaques Members noted the report and were given details of possible locations. As no members came forward to sit on the group it was agreed to try and involve outside parties.

EL07.06.19 It was **RESOLVED** in order to try and move the scheme forward this is advertised to the wider audience.

7.0. ENVIRONMENT

7.1. Electric sheep fencing at West Park Local Nature Reserve (WPLNR)

Members discussed a previously circulated report on ways to reduce bracken and rough grass to increase the diversity of plant species at WPLNR by introducing more sheep grazing. Rather than permanently fencing off an area it has been suggested that moveable electric fencing be used. It was felt that the fencing was required for the management of the reserves despite concerns regarding dogs off leads.

EL08.06.19 It was **RESOLVED** to note the report and agree to electric fencing at West Park Local Nature Reserve.

8.0. LEISURE

8.1. To consider the Town Council's involvement in celebrating/commemorating VE Day 75, the 75th Anniversary of the end of WW2 in Europe

Members discussed a previously circulated report and asked that the Town Council work with all local schools with regards to the event.

EL09.06.19 It was **RESOLVED** that:

- a) the Town Council takes part in the commemoration and celebrations;
- b) that a Working Group be set up to organise the event;
- c) that the Committee decide how much to set aside for the event at the 2020/2021 budget setting meeting.

Cllrs. K. Bedwell, D. Bennett and S. Mayhew wished to sit on the group with the offer of help from Cllrs. D. French and G. Johnson.

The opportunity of joining the group is to be offered to other members via the Members Briefing.

9.0. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

9.1. Children Stay Safe Day

Nothing to report at this time.

9.2. Speed Indication Device (SID)

EL10.06.19 It was **RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Orders to allow Cllr. P. Sparks to speak on the item.

Cllr. Sparks advised members that for the group to be successful it required to be co-ordinated by one active person, which in the past was carried out by a dedicated volunteer. He also mentioned that the scheme always seemed to be more successful in the villages.

EL11.06.19 It was **RESOLVED** to reinstate Standing Orders.

Members discussed the merit of the scheme and asked that all Resident Associations be contacted to establish if they wished to become involved.

10.0. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

10.1. Uckfield Railway Line Parishes

Members note the report.

10.2. West Park LNR and Hempstead Meadows LNR – Supporters Group

Nothing to report.

10.3. Uckfield and District Twinning

Nothing to report.

10.4. Age Concern

Nothing to report.

10.5. Luxford Centre Management Committee
Members noted the report.

10.6. Active Uckfield Group
Nothing to report.

10.7. Wealden Bus Alliance
Nothing to report.

11.0 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS
None.

12.0. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

EL.12.06.19 It was **RESOLVED** that pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted it was advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded and they were instructed to withdraw.

12.1. To consider a report on the Civic Centre's Events and Marketing programmes.
Members noted the reports.

The meeting finished at 7.49pm.