

UCKFIELD TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of the **Environment and Leisure Committee** held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre on Monday 3rd September 2018 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr. J. Beesley (Chairman)
Cllr. D. Ward
Cllr. H. Firth
Cllr. D Bennett

Cllr. I. Smith
Cllr. D. French
Cllr. M. Dean

IN ATTENDANCE:

Cllr. P.Sparks and Cllr. P.Meakin
2 Press, both recording.
1 Member of the public

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.

3.0. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs. K. Everett and S. Mayhew.

4.0. MINUTES

4.1. Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Leisure Committee held on the 23rd July 2018

EL012.09.18 It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Leisure Committee held on the 23rd July 2018 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 item which had either been completed or appeared elsewhere on the agenda:

EL06.08.18 – Proposed Licence between the League of Friends of Uckfield Community Hospital and Uckfield Town Council.

4.3. Project Monitoring List – For information only

Members considered the Action List that had been previously circulated and agreed to remove the following item which had been completed:

Olives Meadow Street Light Upgrade.

5.0. FINANCE

5.1. To note bills paid

Members noted the bills paid.

5.2. Income and Expenditure Financial Forecast

Members noted the income and expenditure report.

5.3. To start considering new initiatives for the draft budget 2019/20

Members considered the previously circulated report and the 2018-2023 Strategic Plan and suggested the following possibilities are costed for further consideration:

- Safety Surface Hempstead Lane Play Area
- Upgrade of Luxford Field play area
- Re-visit grass cutting
- Historical plaques
- Funds to promote use of single plastics
- Update street maps

6.0. ADMINISTRATION

6.1. Nothing to report at this time.

7.0. ENVIRONMENT

7.1. Update on Biodegradable Dog Bag Dispenser Scheme

Members noted a previously circulated report and agreement on the provision of dog bag dispensers with free bags.

EL.013.09.18 It was **RESOLVED** to note the report and agreed to:

- a) proceed with the scheme;
- b) advertise on the "roof top space" at a total cost of £1,000 per annum for a four-year period
- c) the cost of advertising to be added to the 2019/20 budget and the following three years.

7.2. To consider a request regarding road safety wheelie bin stickers

Members noted a previously circulated report regarding a request from the Scarletts Close Residents' Association for the funding of speed restriction wheelie bin stickers. Members did not wish to fund a town wide scheme and some thought more permanent signs would be more effective.

EL.014.09.18 It was **RESOLVED**:

- i), it was noted that the Church Coombe Residents' Association had already purchased stickers for their area and that Scaletts Close Association should self-fund the stickers.
- ii) the Association are to be advised to contact Sussex Police and the Safer Wealden Partnership for funding, and to consider applying for a grant through Uckfield Town Council's procedure.

8.0. LEISURE

Nothing to report at this time.

9.0. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

9.1. Road Safety

Nothing to report.

9.2. Speed Indication Device (SID)

Members noted the report.

9.3. Battle Over – A Nation’s Tribute

Members noted the report.

10.0. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

10.1. Uckfield Railway Line Parishes

Nothing to 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

Members noted the previously circulated report and the request for room hire support.

EL015.09.18 It was **RESOLVED** not to assist the Active Uckfield Group in venue or room hire. They are to be advised of the Town Council’s grant process.

10.7. Wealden Bus Alliance

Nothing to report.

11.0 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reminded the Committee of the Allotment Conference on Tuesday 11th September and the times.

12. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

FC16.09.18 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 and were pleased to see a variety of shows being introduced. The Hospitality Manager was to be thanked for all his hard work.

The meeting finished at 7.35pm