

# UCKFIELD TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of the **Environment and Leisure Committee** held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 7.00pm.

## **PRESENT:**

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

Cllr. D. French (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr. B. Cox  
Cllr. G. Johnson

## **IN ATTENDANCE:**

One 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.

### **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**

Cllrs. J. Edwards and D. Bennett.

### **4.0. MINUTES**

#### **4.1. Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Leisure Committee held on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

**EL.16.08.19** It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Leisure Committee held on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 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:

EL42.03.16 – West Park & Hempstead Meadows LNR's  
EL24.07.16 - West Park & Hempstead Meadows Supporters Group  
Speed Indication Device

#### **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. To note the income and expenditure report  
Members noted the income and expenditure report.

**6.0. ADMINISTRATION**

- 6.1. Children's Funeral Fund for England  
Members discussed a previously circulated report which detailed a new government Regulation introduced as from the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 known as The Social Fund (Children's Funeral Fund for England).  
The CFF is to provide practical support to bereaved parents with the fees arising from their child's burial or cremation, a child under 18 at time of death or stillborn after the 24<sup>th</sup> week of pregnancy. Burial authorities will in the future have to claim their fees from the CFF.  
The Town Council already has reduced fees for babies under 1 year and children between 1 and 12 years of age and consideration was given as to whether to agree a reduction in fees for children under the age of 18 the same as the CFF scheme.

**EL.17.08.19** It was **RESOLVED** to amend the reduced fee for children between 1 and 12 years to include 18 year olds to bring in line with The Social Fund (Children's Funeral Fund for England).

**7.0. ENVIRONMENT**

- 7.1. To consider a request to remove the recycling bring site in Foresters Hall Car Park.  
Members considered a previously circulated report as to whether to remove the Wealden District Council recycling bring site from Foresters Hall car park to provide more parking spaces as part of a scheme to reconfigure the area in general. However, members were not in favour of their removal due to the increase in household recycling and the need to promote plastic free. This area also has elderly residents who would not be able to drive to other locations.

**EL.18.08.19** It was **RESOLVED** that the recycling bring site at Foresters Hall car park remains.

**8.0. LEISURE**

- 8.1. To consider items for the Allotment Conference on 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm in the Weald Hall, Civic Centre.  
Members discussed current charges, especially the minimal amount charged for smaller plots. An effort to promote 'sharing' plots is also to be investigated.
- 8.2. To consider appointing a Town Council representative to the Outside Body – All Weather Pitch Operation Group (organised by Uckfield College).

**EL.19.08.19** It was **RESOLVED** that Cllrs. C. Macve and K. Bedwell share the meetings.

**9.0. REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS**

- 9.1. Children Stay Safe Day  
(Nothing to report at this time)
- 9.2. Speed Indication Device (SID)  
Members noted the report.

- 9.3. Climate Change Working Group  
Nothing to report as new group being established.

**10.0. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

- 10.1. Active Uckfield Group  
(Nothing to report at this time)
- 10.2. Age Concern (AGM Only)  
(Nothing to report at this time)
- 10.3. West Park LNR and Hempstead Meadows LNR – Supporters Group  
(Nothing to report at this time)
- 10.4. Luxford Centre Management Committee  
Members noted the report
- 10.5. Uckfield and District Twinning Association  
Members noted the report and agreed that the visit was a great success.
- 10.6. Uckfield Park Run Board  
(Nothing to report at this time)
- 10.7. Uckfield Plastic Free Working Group  
Members noted the report
- 10.8. Uckfield Railway Line Parishes  
Members noted the report
- 10.9. Uckfield Youth Club Board  
Members noted the report. The next meeting is scheduled for the 12<sup>th</sup> September.
- 10.10. Wealden Bus Alliance  
(Nothing to report at this time)

**11.0 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman wished to thank the Assistant Town Clerk for all her help and assistance during his time as Chairman, he and the committee wished the Clerk all the best for the future.

The Clerk thanked the Chairman and committee for all their hard work over the years and the achievements they had made.

**12.0. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

**EL.20.08.19** 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 Marketing programme  
Members noted the reports and asked that a New Year event be considered.

The meeting finished at 7.44pm