

CITY OF DURHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Environment Committee held on 1st July 2020 at 15:00 via Zoom.

Present: Councillors V Ashfield (in the Chair), E Ashby, L Brown, J Elmer, D Freeman and M Ross.

Also present: Parish Clerk A Shanley

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr S Cahill.

2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS

None received.

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 3rd JUNE 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June 2020 were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None received.

5. DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE PRIORITIES:

Update on alternative project for Durham in Bloom 2020 fund

The Clerk reminded Members that it was agreed at the last Environment Committee meeting to allocate £1,000 towards bulb planting across the Parish area. It was also agreed to investigate the potential for green roofing of various bus shelters across the Parish. The Clerk advised that he was still awaiting a response from the relevant officer at DCC about this. In the meantime, the Committee agreed that the bus shelters which ought to be looked at for potentially green roof should be as follows:

- Shelter 27m From 96 Claypath 8m From A690
- Shelter 11m From 193 Gilesgate 8m From Gilesgate
- Shelter 10m From 97 Claypath 5m From Claypath
- Shelter 71m From 18 Nevilledale Terrace 6m From A690
- Shelter 20m From 16 The Chains 10m From Gilesgate
- Shelter 27m From 6 Howlcroft Villas 8m From A690
- Shelter 23m From Three Tuns, New Elvet 6m From New Elvet
- Bus Shelter To The South Of Aykley Heads Business Centre

- **Strategy for launching pocket ashtrays campaign**

The Clerk advised that the video had now been approved to promote the anti-cigarette-butt campaign. It was **agreed** to hold off on launching the campaign for the next few weeks as it was felt that the public were already receiving a lot of public health messages in light of the Covid-19 situation and this campaign may be diluted by this. It was **agreed** that local businesses should be contacted in the meantime to see if they wished to have some of the pocket ashtrays free of charge.

It was **agreed** that Keep Britain Tidy ought to be informed as and when the campaign is launched to see if they would be able to promote this too.

- **Update on Youth Environment Working Party**

The Chair advised that the Youth Environment Working Party had not had a chance to meet due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation. It was **agreed** that Cllr V Ashfield should contact all of the local participant schools and ask how they would feel about an October inaugural meeting.

Cllr E Ashby asked if a spring shopping trolley proposal could be considered where school children carry out planting inside shopping trolleys. Cllr V Ashfield **agreed** to put this proposal to the Youth Environment Working Party.

- **Strategy for launching "PinPoint" ASB tool**

The Clerk advised that he had put the proposal of the PinPoint ASB logging tool to the ASB sub-group meeting and this had been welcomed by different partners. It was **agreed** that a press release and a letter to all of the local Residents' Groups should go out as soon as possible to promote this tool.

- **Proposals for mosaic design under Framwelgate Bridge**

The Clerk reminded Members that he had been tasked with seeking design proposals and quotations from mosaic designers on a tree of life concept under Framwelgate Bridge. The Clerk put three proposals to the Committee which he had received from the mosaic designer. It was **agreed** that Option 1 should be the agreed mosaic design and that the Clerk should seek full costs for its creation, design and installation, etc. for a proposal to go to Full Council.

- **Environment Committee work programme**

The Chair provided a report on the Environment Committee's agreed work programme for the year ahead. The lead Councillor(s) for each of these works was **agreed** as follows:

Involving young people – Cllrs V Ashfield & M Ross

Noise and light abatement - Cllr E Ashby

167 proposal – On hold pending outcome of County Durham Plan

Clean air, Clean and Green City – Cllrs V Ashfield and J Elmer

Heritage Awareness – Cllrs L Brown, V Ashfield and J Elmer

Appearance of the City – Cllr V Ashfield

Climate Emergency – Cllrs V Ashfield and J Elmer

6. AOB

The Clerk reminded Members that the Parish Council funded SLA for the enhanced Neighbourhood Warden service ought to have come up for review in June 2020. The Clerk advised that he had been chasing reports from the Neighbourhood Warden for some time so that Councillors could assess the impact of this enhanced Neighbourhood Warden service but had received no response from any of the officers involved at DCC. The Clerk and the Chair advised that they would seek a meeting at the earlier opportunity with the Neighbourhood Warden Manager.

7. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The date of the next meeting was **agreed** for 29th July 2020 at 14:30pm

There being no further business, the Chair thanked Members for their contributions and closed the meeting.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Victoria ...', is written over a horizontal line.

Chair of the City of Durham Parish Council Environment Committee

