

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

8th February 2023, 7.30pm

The Guildhall

Present:

Cllr Williams
Martin Collins

Cllr Reynolds

Cllr Thomas

In Attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)

Public Questions:

None

057. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Hook, Cllr Jackson, Cllr Henderson, Cllr Perkin, and Matthew Hatchwell.

058. Declarations of Interest

None.

059. Minutes and Matters Arising

Cllr Williams proposed, seconded by Cllr Thomas, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Environment Committee dated 11th January 2023.**

Cllr Williams queried progress on the green roof for the Town Hall. The Town Clerk advised work would be starting within the next week. Cllr Williams had drawn up some plans for the Ospringe biodiversity project and had consulted with Ali Corbel regarding volunteers to help with the planting.

060. Development Updates

The report from Matthew Hatchwell was noted.

The Town Clerk advised Matthew Hatchwell had provided a draft letter to respond to the letter received from Cllr Mike Baldock, Leader of SBC, regarding Nutrient Neutrality. This would be signed by the Mayor and sent out. It was agreed the letter would be circulated to the Committee.

Community Gardening – Cllr Williams advised community gardening would be taking place in Napleton Road on 16th February.

Faversham would be entered into South East in Bloom and Britain in Bloom with the costs being met by SBC.

The Town Clerk advised Stacey Woolf, the Facilities Manager, was carrying out an audit of the planters. It was agreed Cllr Williams would provide guidance on what to plant.

061. ASGARD Proposal

Cllr Williams proposed, seconded by Cllr Reynolds, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to provide £500 of sponsorship to QE Grammar School towards their projects for ASGARD.***

062. Grant Application

Martin Collins provided an overview of The Lovely World project being run by Swale Friends of the Earth.

Cllr Williams proposed, seconded by Cllr Thomas, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to provide the £1300 grant being sought by Swale Friends of the Earth.***

063. Allotments

The Town Clerk provided an update on the Perry Court Allotments.

St Nicholas Allotments had experienced a number of break-ins. It had agreed the boundary fencing would be retained alongside the development. CCTV signage had been installed. The Town Clerk had met with the Allotment Committee and a management agreement had been drafted. An electronic copy would be provided to this Committee for comment.

064. Items for Report

Thermal Imaging – The Town Clerk advised that 16 visits had been carried out so far to properties in Faversham and a further 6 visits were scheduled under the pilot scheme.

Martin Collins provided an overview of the visits carried out. Once the Scheme was offered more widely it would be important to try and recruit more volunteers. The Town Clerk advised there would be an article in the next Newsletter both offering the service and asking for volunteers. A Survey was being sent to residents who had received visits and so far, this had received three responses.

It was agreed to add to the next meeting's agenda, the issue of solar panels being installed on properties within the conservation area, and whether there should be more flexibility within the rules.