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Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting

held via video conferencing on 18th January 2021

In accordance with The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) (England) Regulations 2020

PRESENT

In attendance

Cllr. J. Dennis - Chair

Cllr. E. Banks

Cllr. J. Cooke

Cllr. P. Edwards

Cllr. M. Fitton

Cllr. R. MacCurrach

Cllr. D. Redmayne

Cllr. R. Widdowson

Liz Kelso - Clerk

Agenda item

- Env 001-21 1. **APOLOGIES, DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**
Apologies were noted from Cllr. T. Bounds. There were no declarations of interest and no requests for dispensation.
- Env 002-21 2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16th NOVEMBER 2020**
The Minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 2020, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed following one amendment and the Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes as a true record of proceedings at that meeting.
- Env 003-21 3 **UPDATE FROM THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING PARTY**
The working party has not met so no update was available but members noted that KLEEN have been meeting, considering various matters.
- Env 004-21 4 **UPDATE ON THE PROPOSAL TO INSTALL CHARGING POINTS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES**
Cllr. Cooke reported nothing further to report on this to date and was still attempting to find a location for an electric charging point.
- Env 005-21 5 **STANDING ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**
1) **Health & Safety**
The Clerk reported that she has not aware of anything that should be raised under this agenda item.

2) Town Centre

The Mayor reminded members of a zoom meeting next week for the town to look at potential measures to support the recovery of the Town Centre post Covid. Voluntary organisations etc. have been invited to attend and it was expected that there could be items for this committee to support recovery of the Town and its people and restore confidence in the Town for the future.

3) Kington in Bloom

It was agreed to continue with Kington in Bloom in the same way as in previous years with planting of the boxes in May proposed. It was agreed not to reinstate the competition this year. Members noted that the herb planters maintained by KLEEN are to be continued again in the coming year. After some discussion it was confirmed that Cllr. Dennis would continue to manage the Kington in Bloom proposals and that a working party would be formed to support the project and report back to the next meeting.

4) Allotments

There was nothing to report on this agenda item.

5) Recycling

There was nothing to report on this agenda item although members noted that recycling centres remain open during this current lockdown period, requiring prebooking for visits. A teracycle collection point is in the process of being established in Kington.

There is currently a consultation open by Herefordshire Council looking at recycling in Herefordshire. Members were encouraged to respond individually.

6) Churchyard

The Churchyard working party has not met as a result of the current lockdown restrictions. However, the Clerk and Cllr. E. Banks have met with the Community Payback Team who have confirmed that they are keen to offer their services which will be free of charge. The current covid restrictions are limiting any work they can currently do and we await their confirmation of a start date with risk assessments for consideration.

7) Community Energy

It was noted that KLEEN were in discussions with various bodies on this subject.

8) Economic Development

Herefordshire Council's Economic Development Plans for the Market Towns are progressing with consultants working with groups in Kington to produce the Kington plan. This will be reported to Full Council in due course.

9) Footpaths Scheme

There was nothing to report on this although activity by volunteers to maintain footpaths was noted.

It was noted that Kington Walks are hoping to hold the spring Walking Festival this year, despite other Walking Festivals being cancelled for this year.

The footpaths scheme operated by Kington Walks has had little activity recently as a result of the lockdown.

The Clerk reported that Herefordshire Council has announced an opportunity for parishes to join the lengthsman scheme for the forthcoming year. This is not currently funded but might be in the future. This will be brought to Full Council in due course for consideration.

10) War Memorial

The working group set up to consider this further has not yet met but will report to the next committee meeting.

11) Trees

There was nothing to report on this agenda item.

12) KLEEN

Cllr. Cooke reported on activities relating to KLEEN noting that meetings have discussed the Climate Emergency Bill, planting of the Tavern Roundabout, Crooked Well orchard and the Park View orchard.

Env 006-21

6. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

The next meeting will take place on Monday 15th March at 6.15pm or on completion of the Planning Committee, whichever is later. The Tavern roundabout was requested as an agenda item.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed.

Signed

Chair of Environment Committee

Date