



Kington Town Council

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Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting

held on Monday 17th January 2022
at the Old Police Station, Market Hall Street, Kington

PRESENT

In attendance

Cllr. J. Cooke - Chair
Cllr. J. Gardner
Cllr. D. Redmayne
Cllr. I Spencer
Cllr. R. Widdowson

Liz Kelso – Town Clerk
Tanith Vaughan – Asst. Clerk/GSA

2 members of the public

Agenda item

- Env 001-22 1. **APOLOGIES, DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**
Apologies were noted from Cllrs. E. Banks, T. Bounds, P. Edwards, M. Fitton and R. MacCurrach. There were no declarations of interest and no requests for dispensation.
- Env 002-22 2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15th NOVEMBER 2021**
The Minutes of the meeting held on 15th November 2021, which had been previously circulated, were agreed and the Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes as a true record of proceedings at that meeting.
- Env 003-22 3 **CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING PARTY**
It was noted that the original working party set up to identify ways in which the Town Council can carry forward the Declaration of Climate Emergency has not met for some time as many of the original members are no longer councillors. It was agreed that the working party be re-established with the aim of identifying how the work of the town council might support the aims of the Declaration of Climate Emergency. Members of the working party were confirmed as Cllrs. J. Cooke, M. Fitton, J. Gardner & D. Redmayne.

It was further noted that Herefordshire Council now has a plan to carry forward the Declaration of Climate Emergency and this will need to dovetail into that of this Town Council.
- Env 004-22 4 **COMMUNITY RESILIENCE**
It was reported that the Community Resilience group has met with Ian Baker, the officer responsible for Emergency Planning at Herefordshire Council who explained the role of Herefordshire Council in responding to emergencies and the role of the plan by Kington Town Council. A template is available which can be used for our own plan and the next stage is for the

working group to begin work on this document. A meeting will be held at the beginning of February to carry this forward.

- Env 005-22** **5** **REDUCING DOG FOULING**
Members noted that complaints about dog fouling have been increasing around the town and various options for changing behaviours of the dog owners who do not pick up after their dog were discussed. It was agreed to reinstate a working party to look further into these proposals which might include poster campaigns, working with local school children and taking advice from Herefordshire Council's dog warden and enforcement officers. It was agreed that this be referred to Full Council for further thought on the make up of the working group in particular.
- Env 006-22** **6** **Food Waste App**
Members noted that the Food Waste App is aimed at retail premises with spare food items with the intention that these items avoid being thrown away in favour of distribution to those in need. It was agreed that this be promoted within the Town.
- Env 007-22** **7** **STANDING ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**
- 1) Health & Safety**
There was nothing to report under this agenda item
 - 2) Town Centre**
Members noted that the shop front grant scheme is currently open for applications.
 - 3) Kington in Bloom**
The specification for new and replacement planters has now been drawn up in accordance with the Great Places to Visit Funding and will be sent out shortly
 - 4) Allotments**
There was nothing to report under this agenda item.
 - 5) Recycling**
It was noted that the booking system at the Recycling Centre is expected to remain in place as it has been deemed to be a success by Herefordshire Council although some concern was expressed that this might lead to increased levels of fly tipping.
 - 6) Churchyard**
The Green Spaces Administrator reported that the key contact with the Community Payback Team has now changed but the group should restart work soon after the Christmas break.
 - 7) Community Energy**
Members noted a report on a new PV plant in Burford..
 - 8) Economic Development**
Herefordshire Council's draft Economic Development Plans for the Market Towns are to be considered by Herefordshire Council in due course.
 - 9) Footpaths**
The Clerk reported that the new Herefordshire Business Improvement District which aims to promote tourism in Herefordshire in particular are to work on promoting the Mortimer Trail in particular and are conducting a survey of the path as it crosses the County.

10) **War Memorial**

There was nothing to report on this agenda item.

11) **Trees: Queen's Green Canopy**

Members noted that the application to the Woodland Trust for trees has been unsuccessful. A further report will be made at the next meeting.

12) **KLEEN**

It was reported that the car share club has had a slow take up.

Env 008-22

8. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

The next meeting will take place on Monday 21st March 2022 at 6.30pm or on completion of the Planning Committee, whichever is later. There were no items raised for the next agenda.

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

Signed

Chair of Environment Committee

Date