



Kington Town Council

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Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting

held on Monday 18th July 2022
at the Old Police Station, Market Hall Street, Kington

PRESENT

In attendance

Cllr. D. Redmayne (in the chair)

Cllr. E. Banks

Cllr. J. Gardner

Cllr. R. Warne

Liz Kelso – Town Clerk

Agenda item

In the absence of the previous Chair, Cllr. David Redmayne took the Chair for this meeting.

- Env 009-22 1 ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE COMMITTEE**
It was agreed that this item be deferred to the next meeting.
- Env 010-22 2 APOLOGIES, DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**
Apologies were noted from Cllrs. J. Cooke, I. Spencer and R. Widdowson. There were no declarations of interest and no requests for dispensation.
- Env 011-22 3 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR FOR THE COMMITTEE**
Cllr. D. Redmayne was duly elected Vice Chair of the Committee to hold office for the forthcoming year.
- Env 012-22 4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20TH JANUARY 2022**
The Minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2022, 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 013-22 5 DOG FOULING WORKING PARTY**
- a) Terms of Reference**
Terms of reference for the working party were agreed as attached to these Minutes.
- b) Report from the Dog Fouling Working Group**
Members noted a report from the Group which has now met and in particular has had discussions with Herefordshire Council on strategies for reducing dog fouling within the town.

Env 014-22

6 CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP

a) Terms of Reference

Terms of reference for the working party were agreed as attached to these Minutes.

b) Report from Working Group

The working group has not met so no report was available. A meeting will be arranged as soon as possible

Env 015-22

7 STANDING ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1) Health & Safety

There was nothing to report under this agenda item

2) Town Centre

There was nothing to report under this agenda item.

3) Kington in Bloom

The new planters are in place and are being maintained by Turners.

4) Allotments

There was nothing to report under this agenda item.

5) Recycling

Members noted Herefordshire Council's plans to change waste collection services next year including the introduction of a waste food collection service.

6) Churchyard

With no Green Spaces coordinator it was unclear whether the community payback team are currently visiting the Churchyard. However, it was noted that a resolution is needed for the compost bins which are being used as waste bins rather than for solely green waste and whilst this will need to be resolved, it will be necessary to find somewhere for green waste to be stored pending disposal. It was further noted that an update to the tree safety survey will be necessary and should be included in the specification for the recreation ground tree safety survey.

7) Community Energy

Members questioned what advice might be available to residents struggling with increasing energy bills, particularly over the winter months. Cllr. Redmayne agreed to investigate what advice might be available through Talk Community Hubs.

8) Economic Development

Herefordshire Council's Economic Development Plans for the Market Towns have now been agreed by Cabinet. Work will now take place to identify funding sources for work identified.

9) Footpaths & Highway matters

Members noted proposals under the Market Towns Maintenance Fund to resurface the High Street in Kington and refurbish the pavement areas. Discussions are ongoing and currently include costings for replacing the pavement with tarmac to provide a safer walking surface. It is hoped that work will take place before Christmas this year.

10) **War Memorial**

The lights around the War Memorial have been reported as not working again and the area is in need of tidying up and weed removal.

11) **Trees:**

There was nothing to report under this agenda item.

12) **KLEEN**

KLEEN have been working with Rail and Bus for Herefordshire to lobby for additional bus services to and from Kington and are expecting some of the free weekend services to be withdrawn as funding stops in the autumn. It is hoped that an evening service might be reinstated and a weekend service retained albeit with a charge for the service. It was agreed that support for the bus service should be put to full council in September.

It was also reported that the car share club now has 20 members.

Env 016-22

8. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

The next meeting will take place on Monday 19th September 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

**KINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
Dog Fouling Working Party
Agreed Terms of Reference**

Objective

Complaints about dog fouling are a constant problem within Kington. The working party aims to investigate and report to the Environment Committee with proposals to help reduce this problem.

Membership

The group will consist of a minimum of no less than 1 Town Councillor plus such other members as the group thinks fit, including members of the public or others who can contribute towards the brief.

Tasks

1. Investigate the extent of the problem within Kington
2. Investigate how other parish and town councils are addressing this issue with a view to identifying good practice
3. Making recommendations for further action to Full Council through the Environment Committee

Delegated Powers

The group can:

1. Appoint additional members of the working party, as required
2. Enter into discussions with other parishes, Herefordshire Council officers and members of the public to identify good practice and resources available locally and nationally
3. Seek preliminary budget prices for any recommended actions

Undertake such other tasks as may be required to prepare a final report for consideration by the town council and/or any of its committees, consistent with town council financial regulations, procurement policies and procedures and standing order

KINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
Climate Emergency Working Party
Agreed Terms of Reference

Objective

Kington Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and now wishes to identify ways that this town council can further the aims and objectives of this declaration within the work of the town council and the wider community

Membership

The group will consist of a minimum of 3 Town Councillors plus such other members as the group thinks fit, including members of the public or others who can contribute towards the brief.

Tasks

4. To investigate how other parish and town councils are addressing this issue with a view to identifying good practice
5. To review current policies, procedures and practices of the town council to identify changes that may reduce the town council's carbon footprint and that of residents, contractors and others
6. Making recommendations for further action to Full Council through the Environment Committee

Delegated Powers

The group can:

4. Appoint additional members of the working party, as required
5. Enter into discussions with other parishes, Herefordshire Council officers and members of the public to identify good practice and resources available locally and nationally
6. Seek preliminary budget prices for any recommended actions
7. Undertake such other tasks as may be required to prepare a final report for consideration by the town council and/or any of its committees, consistent with town council financial regulations, procurement policies and procedures and standing orders.