



BOGNOR REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 9th AUGUST 2021

PRESENT:

Cllr. W. Smith (Chairman); Cllrs. J. Barrett,
J. Brooks and Mrs. J. Warr

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. S. Hodgson (Projects Officer)
Mrs. J. Davis (recording the Meeting)
1 member of the public

The Meeting opened at 6.30pm

20. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman welcomed everyone present and read the Council's opening statement.

Apologies had been received from Cllrs. Miss. Needs and Mrs. Staniforth who are on annual leave and Cllr. Ms. Sharples due to family commitments. Late apologies were received by Cllr. Cunard due to working commitments.

No apologies had been received from Cllr. Jones.

21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman addressed each participating Member in alphabetical order to ask if they wished to confirm any declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and/or Ordinary Interests that they may have in relation to items on this Agenda.

As noted on the Agenda, Members and Officers should make their declaration by stating:

- a) the item they have the Interest in
- b) whether it is a Disclosable Pecuniary or Ordinary Interest
- c) the nature of the Interest
- d) if it is an Ordinary Interest whether they intend to temporarily leave the meeting for the discussion and vote
- e) if it is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, and therefore must temporarily leave the meeting for the discussion and vote, whether they will be exercising their right to speak on this matter under Public Question

They then need to re-declare their Interest and the nature of the Interest at the commencement of the item or when the Interest becomes apparent.

They should request that it be recorded in the Minutes that they will leave the meeting and will neither take part in discussion, nor vote on the item.

As per the Agenda, it is each Member's own responsibility to notify the Monitoring Officer of all Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Ordinary Interests notifiable under the Council's Code of Conduct, not already recorded on their Register of Interests Form, within 28 days.

The Chairman reminded Members to declare their Interests as any arise or again at the relative point in the meeting if they have already.

There were no Declarations of Interest at this time

22. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 30th JUNE 2021

The Clerk drew Member's attention to Minute 9, paragraph 1 of the unconfirmed Minutes 30th June 2021. The Minutes previously circulated referred to the Notes for the Online Climate Change Topic Team, this however, should read Online Community Open Forum as reflected in the following paragraph of the Minutes.

The amendments were made in accordance with procedure and Members **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the Minutes of the meeting held on the 30th June 2021 as amended and they were signed by the Chairman.

23. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

The Chairman adjourned the Meeting at 6.34pm

A member of the public mentioned that a picture of the bandstand featured on the Town Council's website needed some adjustment.

The Chairman reconvened the Meeting at 6.35pm

24. CLERK'S REPORT

24.1 30th June 2021 – Min. 9 Refers – Update On Community Open Forum

Due to staffing resources and other commitments, it has not been possible to arrange an online Community Open Forum since the last meeting of the Committee. However, a meeting will be arranged during September.

There are currently two operational Topic Teams of this Committee, the Climate Emergency Focus Group and the Beach & Sea Access Topic Team. Both these groups are now well established with ongoing objectives. Therefore, Members may wish to consider using the September Community Open Forum to focus on looking for a new community project that the Town Council can support and play an active role in.

24.2 30th June 2021 – Min. 13 Refers – Update On Beach & Sea Access Topic Team Recommendations

Following this Committee's agreement to send a letter to ADC, based on the recommendations from the Beach & Sea Access Topic Team, the Committee Clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent to the ADC Chief Executive and copied to the Director of Services and the Director of Place.

24.3 30th June 2021 – Min. 16 Refers – Update On The "Seaside Gardens"

Following Members decision to approach ADC to ask them to consider the inclusion of more formal bedding in areas marked "gardens;" along with the proposal to include some partnership/sponsorship working with community groups for delivery, including Bognor Regis in Bloom, initial contact has been made with the ADC Parks & Greenspace Manager and any progress will be reported back to this Committee at the next meeting.

25. TO RECEIVE THE NOTES FROM THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY FOCUS GROUP ONLINE OPEN FORUM HELD ON THE 4th AUGUST 2021

The Projects Officer's report, including the notes of the Online Climate Emergency Focus Group Meeting held on the 4th August 2021, was **NOTED**.

26. WARD ALLOCATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS BUDGET INCLUDING: RATIFICATION OF ANY SPEND AND THE UTILISATION OF ANY REMAINING FUNDS

The Projects Officer's report, confirming that there had been no expenditure since the last meeting requiring ratification, together with the accompanying Appendix were **NOTED**.

27. FLEXIBLE COMMUNITY FUND INCLUDING: TO NOTE AND DETERMINE ANY APPLICATIONS, TO RATIFY THE DECISION FOR THE APPLICATION FROM THE BOGNOR REGIS BOXING CLUB

The Projects Officer's report, including the related Appendix was **NOTED**.

Members unanimously **AGREED** to **RATIFY** the decision, as agreed by the Town Clerk and Chairman under Delegated Authority and confirmed via email by the following Members: Cllrs: Barrett, Brooks, Miss. Needs, Smith and Mrs. Staniforth, **not** to support the application from the Bognor Regis Boxing Club.

28. BOGNOR REGIS IN BLOOM WORKING GROUP - CONSIDERATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS IN THE NOTES OF THE NON-QUORATE ONLINE MEETING HELD ON THE 6th JULY 2021

The Projects Officer's report, including the notes of the non-quorate Online Meeting of the Bognor Regis In Bloom Working Group held on 6th July 2021, was **NOTED**.

Members unanimously **AGREED** to **RECOMMEND** to Council the additional appointment of Mr. P. Dillon and Mr. D. Meagher as co-opted members of the Bognor Regis In Bloom Working Group for the municipal year.

Members unanimously **AGREED** to **RATIFY** the expenditure of £30 for vouchers for the winners of the Guides Competition to be funded from the 2021 Competition Expenses budget.

29. UPDATE ON YOUTH PROVISION

The Project Officer's report was **NOTED**.

30. RAMPION 2 PROJECT – UPDATE FROM CLLR. BARRETT ON THE ONLINE PUBLIC CONSULTATION FORUM FOR TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS HELD 28th JULY 2021

Cllr. Barrett gave a verbal report.

The Rampion 2 public consultation began on the 14th July and runs until 16th September. Rampion are keen to get as much feedback as they can and information can be found by visiting their website <https://www.rampionoffshore.com/>.

Cllr. Barrett felt sure that the project was likely to go ahead and further felt that, whilst he acknowledges the Council have not committed to pledging its support at this time, with the ever-increasing climate change problems this would go some way to help combat the issue.

Some of the questions raised by Members were as follows:

Q. One of the concerns of some of the Members was knowing the size of the turbines, has that been established?

A. The existing turbines are no longer in production and the new ones will be undoubtedly bigger.

Q. How will this affect our local fishing and seabed?

A. The fishermen back the project as do environmentalists. Overall, there is a lot of enthusiasm for the project.

Q. Are they going to benefit Bognor Regis?

A. The power will feed into the national grid and ultimately back to the area.

31. TO RECONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATION BY THIS COMMITTEE TO COUNCIL TO FORMALLY COMMIT IN PRINCIPLE TO SUPPORTING A BUILT RAMP FOR BOGNOR REGIS (REFERRED BACK BY COUNCIL AT THE MEETING HELD 5th JULY 2021 – MIN. 45.6 REFERS)

The Project Officer's report was **NOTED**.

Following discussion Members agreed to make amendments to the original proposal and therefore **AGREED** to **RECOMMEND** to Council to formally commit in principle to supporting beach access for Bognor Regis, subject to a review should any new ideas or proposals come forward and if BRTC will offer any financial support to the project either capital, revenue or operational.

32. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence list as circulated with the Agenda was **NOTED**.

The Meeting closed at 6.53pm