



Minutes of a meeting of the Environmental Improvements Committee held on Wednesday 02nd June 2021 in the Selina Cooper Hall, Unity Well Being Centre, Vernon Street, Nelson

Commenced: 6.30pm - Concluded: 7.10pm

Councillors Present: Councillors Faraz Ahmad, Wayne Blackburn, Patricia Hannah-Wood, Russell Tennant and Sheila Wicks

Absent Councillors: Ali Baig, Michelle Pearson-Asher and Sufyan Sarwar

Non-Councillor (without voting rights): None

Observing Councillors (not a member of the committee): Sadia Bashir and Ikram Ul-Haq

Officers: Nick Harbour – Assistant Town Clerk

Members of the Public: None

2021/001
(EI)

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

To elect a committee chair for the ensuing year.

Proposed by Councillor Hannah-Wood and Seconded by Councillor Blackburn, and
RESOLVED: That the Councillor Patricia Hannah-Wood is elected as Chair of the Environmental Improvements committee for the year 2021-22.

2021/002
(EI)

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIRMAN

To elect a committee vice-chair for the ensuing year

Proposed by Councillor Hannah-Wood and Seconded by Councillor Wicks, and
RESOLVED: That the Councillor Wayne Blackburn is elected as Vice-Chair of the Environmental Improvements committee for the year 2021-22.

2021/003
(EI)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive and approve apologies for absence and reasons given to the Assistant Town Clerk prior to the meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Hannah-Wood and Seconded by Councillor Ahmad, and
RESOLVED: That the apologies received from Councillor Zafar Ali [Ex-Officio], are approved and accepted.

2021/004 (EI)	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS</u></p> <p>To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from members on matters to be considered at the meeting. Officers are required to make a formal declaration about council contracts where the employee has a financial interest.</p> <p>None declared.</p>
2021/005 (EI)	<p><u>ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u></p> <p>To adjourn the meeting for 15 minutes to allow members of the public to make representation on the business of the agenda for the meeting. No resolutions can be under public participation.</p> <p>No members of the public present.</p>
2021/006 (EI)	<p><u>MINUTES</u></p> <p>To approve the draft minutes of the Environmental Improvements committee meeting held on 02 September 2020 (previously circulated)</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Hannah-Wood and Seconded by Councillor Tennant, and RESOLVED: That the draft minutes of the Environmental Improvements committee meeting held on the 02 December 2020 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair.</p>
2021/007 (EI)	<p><u>COMMITTEE REMIT</u></p> <p>To discuss the Environmental Improvements committee remit.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Blackburn and Seconded by Councillor Tennant, and RESOLVED: That this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Environmental Improvements committee and that the following actions be taken in preparation for the agenda item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Assistant Town Clerk circulate the Terms of Reference to all Members of this committee to review before the next meeting • Councillor Blackburn to put some ideas in writing and circulate to this committee to review before the next meeting • The Assistant Town Clerk and Chair of the Environmental Improvements committee to investigate who is responsible for cleaning the canal
2021/008 (EI)	<p><u>ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS (PICK UP FOR PENDLE)</u></p> <p>To receive an update from Members around the latest Pick up for Pendle projects which they have undertaken across the different wards.</p> <p>Councillor Hannah-Wood reported that the recent Pick Up for Pendle event held at Walverden Quarry was well attended and a large amount of rubbish and litter was collected by all those present.</p> <p>Councillor Sheila Wicks also noted that another Pick Up for Pendle project had been arranged for Saturday 05th June 2021 at Victoria Park, and urged other Councillors to attend if possible.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p> <p>Action: The Assistant Town Clerk to invite Peter from Pick Up for Pendle to the next meeting now that meetings are back to face-to-face.</p>
2021/009 (EI)	<p><u>TREE PLANTING IN NELSON</u></p> <p>Following approval at the last meeting to join the Lancashire Woodland Connect Project, Members are required to identify potential sites in the town which may be suitable.</p>

	<p>The Assistant Town Clerk updated Members that he had been in conversations with Lee Johnson at Pendle Borough Council in relation to the project. Any assistance which the Town Council could provide would be appreciated by the LWCP. This could include planting on Council owned land (ie MUGA and play area sites) or simply Councillors volunteering to assist with the planting.</p> <p>Members noted the update and asked that the Assistant Town Clerk requested a full list of areas identified in Nelson so far from Pendle Borough Council.</p> <p>Action: The Assistant Clerk to request the full list of identified sites from Lee Johnson and to circulate to Members of this committee.</p>
<p>2021/010 (EI)</p>	<p><u>ALLOTMENTS MANAGEMENT</u></p> <p>To receive an update from Adrian Barrett with feedback from actions discussed at the last Allotments Society meeting.</p> <p>Adrian Barrett was not present at the meeting, however the Assistant Town Clerk had recently spoken with him and Adrian noted that there were no pressing matters in relation to the allotments. There have however been a big increase in the number of allotment applications.</p> <p>The rents have been collected for the allotments on all but two of the sites and the money paid into the Council bank account. Adrian will be chasing the final two sites for the rent monies owed.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p>
<p>2021/011 (EI)</p>	<p><u>NORTH WEST IN BLOOM COMPETITION</u></p> <p>To consider putting Nelson forward to enter the North West In Bloom Competition for 2021.</p> <p>Councillor Tennant updated Members that the application form for entry to the North West in Bloom competition has been submitted. The office is awaiting further instructions from the organisers as to the next steps and what action needs to take place by the Council. Visits are expected to take place in July/ August time from the judges. A portfolio will also need to be completed at some stage.</p> <p>The barrier baskets and hanging baskets are now installed in the town centre. Nelson in Bloom will also be working this weekend to plant new flowers in their baskets around the town centre.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p> <p>Action: Councillor Tennant to forward on information for circulation in regards to Nelson in Bloom requesting bedding plant donations from residents to assist with the town centre planting.</p>
<p>2021/012 (EI)</p>	<p><u>PIGEON ISSUES</u></p> <p>To receive an update around the Pigeon Issues in the town centre which was requested at the last meeting to become a standing item on the agenda.</p> <p>Councillor Hannah-Wood noted that there were still major issues with people feeding pigeons in Nelson Town Centre. The existing signage appears to be too high and people are not reading it. Issues also now underneath the railway bridge where pigeon droppings are causing the footpath below to become hazardous to walk on.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Hannah-Wood and Seconded by Councillor Tennant, and RESOLVED: That the Council write to Audrey Drinkwater at Pendle Borough Council to ask if signage at eye-level can be installed in the town centre warning people that they are breaking the law for feeding pigeons, and that British Rail are also contacted about the problem underneath the railway bridge.</p> <p>Action: The Assistant Town Clerk and Chair of the Environmental Improvements committee to</p>

	send the letters as instructed above to Audrey Drinkwater and British Rail.
2021/013 (EI)	<p><u>ANY ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FOR A FUTURE AGENDA</u></p> <p>To notify the Clerk of any matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Remit • Pigeon Issues
2021/014 (EI)	<p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>To note the date of the next committee meeting which is scheduled for 01st September 2021.</p> <p>There being no further, the meeting was closed by the Chair at 7.10pm.</p>