



**Minutes of a meeting of the Environmental Improvements Committee held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022 in the Selina Cooper Hall, Unity Well Being Centre, Vernon Street, Nelson**

**Commenced: 6.30pm - Concluded: 7.05pm**

**Councillors Present:** Councillors Wayne Blackburn, Patricia Hannah-Wood, Michelle Pearson-Asher, Mohammad Sufyaan Sarwar, Russell Tennant and Yvonne Tennant

**Absent Councillors:** Councillors Ali Baig and Sheila Wicks

**Non-Councillor (without voting rights):** None

**Observing Councillors (not a member of the committee):** Nigel Pearson-Asher

**Officers:** Nick Harbour – Assistant Town Clerk

**Members of the Public:** None

2022/017 (EI)	<p><b><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></b> To receive and approve apologies for absence and reasons given to the Assistant Town Clerk prior to the meeting.</p> <p>No apologies received.</p>
2022/018 (EI)	<p><b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS</u></b> 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>
2022/019 (EI)	<p><b><u>ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u></b> 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>
2022/020 (EI)	<p><b><u>MINUTES</u></b> To approve the draft minutes of the Environmental Improvements committee meeting held on 1st June 2022 (previously circulated)</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Yvonne Tennant and Seconded by Councillor Russell Tennant, and <b>RESOLVED:</b> That the draft minutes of the Environmental Improvements committee meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by Chair subject to the</p>

	<p>following amendment:</p> <p>Item 2022/007 – resolved that the formation of a climate change sub-committee is placed on the next agenda of this committee.</p>
2022/021 (E1)	<p><b><u>CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-COMMITTEE</u></b> To receive an update from the Climate Change sub-committee group in relation to any climate change issues for Nelson.</p> <p>Councillors were asked to consider the formation of a climate change sub-committee to discuss and identify any areas in which this Council could work towards combatting climate change.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Yvonne Tennant and Seconded by Councillor Russell Tennant, and <b>RESOLVED:</b> That a climate change sub committee is formed, initially consisting of Councillors Patricia Hannah-Wood, Russell Tennant and Yvonne Tennant. The sub-committee will report to Full Council with any issues which they feel the Council can work towards resolving.</p>
2022/022 (E1)	<p><b><u>UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABILITY GOALS</u></b> To discuss United Nations Sustainability Goals as requested to be placed on this agenda at the previous meeting.</p> <p>Members briefly discussed some of the issues identified in the United Nations Sustainability Goals.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Hannah-Wood and Seconded by Councillor Russell Tennant, and <b>RESOLVED:</b> That this matter is deferred to the Climate Change Sub-Committee Group to identify any matters this Council could work towards and bring to Full Council for consideration.</p>
2022/023 (E1)	<p><b><u>ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS (PICK UP FOR PENDLE)</u></b> To receive an update from Members around the latest Pick up for Pendle projects which they have undertaken across the different wards.</p> <p>Some Councillors and the Assistant Town Clerk have twice been out to do litter picks in the town centre area to ensure it was clean and tidy before the judges from the Britain in Bloom competition visited.</p> <p>Councillor Faraz Ahmad had conducted a number of litter picks in the Walverden area alongside other Councillors and residents.</p> <p>Councillors Faraz Ahmad and Nigel Pearson-Asher had also been reporting a large number of fly-tipping issues in their respective wards.</p> <p>Councillors briefly discussed what may be causing the increase in bulky items being left out n back streets. A contributing factor was likely that some residents simply didn't know of the services available, and some promotional work would be handy to inform residents how to get waste collected. It was also noted that current material available with this information is only provided in English, and that if the information was provided in other languages, this may also help to get the message across to residents.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Blackburn and Seconded by Councillor Russell Tennant, and <b>RESOLVED:</b> That an item is to be placed on a future Full Council meeting to seek approval for a joint project between this Council and Pendle Borough Council to look at producing some promotional material to educate residents on how to get bulky waste collected.</p>
2022/024 (E1)	<p><b><u>ALLOTMENTS MANAGEMENT</u></b> 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 this meeting but the Assistant Town Clerk had received a verbal update. No new issues have arisen at the allotments for the Town Council to deal with.</p> <p>Adrian will be attending the next Full Council meeting to ask that all services are transferred to the Allotments Society. The Assistant Town Clerk will be contacting Pendle Borough Council to check the logistics of the transfer.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p>
2022/025 (E1)	<p><b><u>NELSON IN BLOOM</u></b> To discuss Nelson in Bloom as requested to be placed on this agenda at the previous meeting.</p> <p>Councillor Russell Tennant noted that one of the tiered planters outside Pendle Rise Shopping Centre had been destroyed by pigeons and was looking unsightly. Lots of visitors are expected to attend the Nelson Food Festival on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September and he suggested that it might be worth removing the dried out plants that remain in the planter.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Russell Tennant and Seconded by Councillor Sarwar, and <b>RESOLVED:</b> That Members are asked to assist with the removal of the dried out plants from the planter outside the Pendle Rise Shopping Centre on Friday 09<sup>th</sup> September in time for the Nelson Food Festival the following day.</p>
2022/026 (E1)	<p><b><u>SAGAR STREET WAR MEMORIAL</u></b> To discuss the Sagar Street War Memorial as requested to be placed on this agenda at a previous meeting.</p> <p>A discussion had taken place at the last Full Council meeting around the Sagar Street War Memorial and what the next steps could be in terms of the site maintenance. Borough Councillors were going to enquire as to whether any of the Town Deal money would be spend on the area, and whether McDonalds would also be requested to assist with the maintenance of the site given the close proximity to where their new building will be going.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> The Assistant Town Clerk to chase an update in relation to the above and liaise with the Chair of this committee in relation to next steps.</p>
2022/027 (E1)	<p><b><u>ANY ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FOR A FUTURE AGENDA</u></b> To notify the Clerk of any matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pigeon issues in the town centre</li> </ul>
2022/028 (E1)	<p><b><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></b> To note the date of the next committee meeting which is scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022.</p> <p>Members noted the date of the next meeting.</p> <p>There being no further, the meeting was closed by the Chair at 7.05pm.</p>