



Minutes of a meeting of the Environmental Improvements Committee held on Wednesday 05th June 2024 in the Pankhurst Room, Unity Well Being Centre, Vernon Street, Nelson

Commenced: 6.30pm - Concluded: 6.55pm

Councillors Present: Councillors Naeem Akhtar, Zafar Ali, Mohammed Kamran Latif and Marie Stone

Absent Councillors: Councillors Shahbaz Ahmed, Muhammad Ajmal Khan UI Nisa and Mohammad Adeel Qamar

Non-Councillor (without voting rights): None

Observing Councillors (not a member of the committee): Faraz Ahmad and Sheila Wicks

Officers: Nick Harbour – Assistant Town Clerk

Members of the Public: None

2024/001
(E1)

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

To elect a committee chair for the ensuing year

Proposed by Councillor Latif and Seconded by Councillor Stone and

RESOLVED: That Councillor Zafar Ali is elected Chairman of the Environmental Improvements committee for the year 2024/25.

2024/002
(E1)

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIRMAN

To elect a committee vice-chair for the ensuing year

Proposed by Councillor Ali and Seconded by Councillor Latif and

RESOLVED: That Councillor Marie Stone is elected Vice-Chairman of the Environmental Improvements committee for the year 2024/25.

2024/003
(E1)

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 Ali and Seconded by Councillor Latif, and

RESOLVED: That the apologies received from Councillors Shahbaz Ahmed and Mohammad Adeel Qamar are approved and accepted.

2024/004 (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>
2024/005 (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>
2024/006 (EI)	<p><u>MINUTES</u></p> <p>To approve the draft minutes of the Environmental Improvements committee meeting held on 06 September 2023 (previously circulated)</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Latif and Seconded by Councillor Ahmed, and RESOLVED: That the draft minutes of the Environmental Improvements committee meeting held on the 06th September 2023 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by Chair.</p>
2024/007 (EI)	<p><u>CLIMATE CHANGE ISSUES</u></p> <p>A chance to raise any specific items in relation to any climate change issues for Nelson, including reviewing recommendations made by the former sub-committee.</p> <p>Work continues to be done on greenspaces around the town including new trees being planted on Netherfield Road and also the site up at CATS Park.</p> <p>Pendle Borough Council have also been instructed by government that they need to begin doing weekly waste food collections by 2026. The site currently being used for waste by Pendle is at Whinney Hill and Lancashire County Council are going to be closing this site and using the one at Leyland, which is not really practical for Pendle. Discussions are currently ongoing to perhaps use land at the current Fleet Street site in Nelson to use as a waste food transfer station.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p>
2024/008 (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>The Pick Up For Pendle team have been out and about as usual doing various pick ups across the different wards in the town.</p> <p>Staff and Councillors also recently did a town centre litter pick ready for the new plants being installed in the town.</p> <p>The skip initiative scheme being provided by Pendle Borough Council in September was reported to be a huge success. Large skips were provided in each of the wards across the town for residents to fill with bulky waste from their properties to help combat fly tipping of back street areas. It is hoped that the scheme will take place again later in 2024.</p> <p>At the previous meeting, it was decided to investigate the possibility of funding a new post in relation to an Environmental Warden. Councillor Ali has since met with David Walker of Pendle Borough Council for initial discussions. David has now provided a draft job description which Councillor Ali and the Assistant Town Clerk are going to review.</p>

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2024/009 (E1)	<p><u>ALLOTMENTS MANAGEMENT</u> To receive an update from Sam Saxton with feedback from actions discussed at the last Allotments Society meeting.</p> <p>Sam Saxton had unfortunately not been able to attend the meeting due to personal circumstances but he and the Assistant Town Clerk had spoken before the meeting.</p> <p>Allotment rent collections had been collected and handed into the office and the Assistant Town Clerk will be taking the cheques to the bank next week.</p> <p>A small number of spends on skips for the various site have recently taken place as allotment holders prepare the sites ready for the spring/ summer.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p>
2024/010 (E1)	<p><u>GIB HILL NATURE RESERVE</u> To discuss the Gib Hill Nature Reserve project. The Town Council Members recently approved funding to go towards the Friends Group being formed at the site. Representatives from the Town Council have been asked to join the group.</p> <p>The Assistant Town Clerk informed Members that Pendle Borough Council had asked if the Town Council would like to appoint any Members to be representatives at the Gib Hill Nature Reserve Friends Group who can then feedback to Full Council the latest initiatives taking place following funding provided by the Council.</p> <p>Members agreed this was a good idea and would provide clarity on where the allocated money was being spent throughout the year.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Ali and Seconded by Councillor Latif, and RESOLVED: That Councillors Julie Green and Marie Stone be appointed as the Town Council representatives at the Gib Hill Nature Reserve Friends Group.</p>
2024/011 (E1)	<p><u>BRITAIN IN BLOOM 2024</u> To note the date for the Britain in Bloom 2024 Judge's visit and to discuss plans to prepare for the day.</p> <p>The Assistant Town Clerk informed Members that the Britain in Bloom judges visit will be taking place on Wednesday 10th July this year. All are welcome to come along when they visit to help showcase the displays in the town centre.</p> <p>Over the next few weeks, it was agreed that there needs to be a further push on community involvement to help with the entry and move the Council further towards the Gold award for the competition. Ideas included requesting local schools and youth organisations be invited to participate in upcoming litter picks in the town centre.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p> <p>Action: The Assistant Town Clerk to contact local schools and organisations to see if anyone had any people who would be interested in helping out with the initiative. The Assistant Town Clerk is also to contact David Walker at Pendle Borough Council to ensure street sweeping is carried out before the judges visit.</p>
2024/012 (E1)	<p><u>ANY ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FOR A FUTURE AGENDA</u> To notify the Clerk of any matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.</p>

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2024/013 (E1)	<p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u> To note the date of the next committee meeting which is scheduled for 04 September 2024.</p> <p>Members noted the expected date of the next meeting.</p> <p>There being no further, the meeting was closed by the Chair at 6.55pm.</p>