



**Minutes of a meeting of the Environmental Improvements Committee held on Wednesday 04th September 2024 in the Pankhurst Room, Unity Well Being Centre, Vernon Street, Nelson**

**Commenced: 6.30pm - Concluded: 6.55pm**

**Councillors Present:** Councillors Shahbaz Ahmed, Naeem Akhtar, Mohammad Adeel Qamar, Marie Stone and Sheila Wicks

**Absent Councillors:** Councillors Zafar Ali, Mohammed Kamran Latif and Muhammad Ajmal Khan UI Nisa

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

**Observing Councillors (not a member of the committee):** None

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

**Members of the Public:** None

2024/014 (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>Proposed by Councillor Akhtar and Seconded by Councillor Ahmed, and <b>RESOLVED:</b> That the apologies received from Councillor Zafar Ali are approved and accepted.</p>
2024/015 (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>
2024/016 (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>
2024/017 (EI)	<p><b><u>MINUTES</u></b> To approve the draft minutes of the Environmental Improvements committee meeting held on 05 June 2024 (previously circulated)</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Ahmed and Seconded by Councillor Wicks, and</p>

	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the draft minutes of the Environmental Improvements committee meeting held on the 05<sup>th</sup> June 2024 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by Chair.</p>
2024/018 (EI)	<p><b><u>CLIMATE CHANGE ISSUES</u></b></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. A consultation is currently ongoing with residents in relation to this, and includes asking how many bins and how many collections are likely to be needed per household.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p>
2024/019 (EI)	<p><b><u>ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS (PICK UP FOR PENDLE)</u></b></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 was recently utilised in the Whitefield ward and was reported to be a huge success. Large skips were provided for residents to fill with bulky waste from their properties to help combat fly tipping of back street areas. No Borough Councillors were present at the meeting to clarify if this would be taking place in other wards across the town but it is hoped that this will be the case.</p> <p>Members also discussed various hotspots across the town where flytipping was once again becoming a nuisance. Councillors were encouraged to report the problem areas either via the Pendle Borough Council website or the Love Clean Streets app and to inform residents that they could also report any issues on their street via the same methods.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> The Assistant Town Clerk to contact Pendle Borough Council to find out if the skips will be provided in other wards across the borough in the coming weeks.</p>
2024/020 (EI)	<p><b><u>ALLOTMENTS MANAGEMENT</u></b></p> <p>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>The allotments society treasurer and previous secretary had resigned recently and Sam is currently organising bank signatories for the central account to release some money in there to be put into the Town Council account so that all of the monies are held in the one place.</p> <p>A resident recently contacted the office to report some overgrown branches from the Cemetery Allotment site going into their garden – Sam has arranged for these to be cut back.</p>

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2024/021 (EI)	<p><b><u>GIB HILL NATURE RESERVE</u></b> 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 are in the process of setting up the first meeting of the Friends of Gib Hill Nature Reserve meeting. A date is looking likely for Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September. The Assistant Town Clerk will send out the invite to Councillors once the date has been finalized.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p>
2024/022 (EI)	<p><b><u>BRITAIN IN BLOOM 2024</u></b> To receive an update following the Britain in Bloom 2024 Judge’s visit which took place in July</p> <p>The Assistant Town Clerk informed Members that the Britain in Bloom judges visit visited the town centre on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July this year. He showed them around the various displays in the town and they seemed to be impressed with the progress this year, particularly around the War Memorial on Sagar Street.</p> <p>The report is due to arrive in the next few weeks and it is hoped that it will be an improvement on last year’s Silver Award. The Assistant Town Clerk will share the result with Members once it arrives.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p>
2024/023 (EI)	<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>• None</li> </ul>
2024/024 (EI)	<p><b><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></b> To note the date of the next committee meeting which is TBA.</p> <p>No meetings are scheduled as yet for this committee following a reshuffle in the meeting schedule at the previous Full Council meeting. When necessary, the Chairman of the Environmental Improvements committee will call an Extraordinary meeting.</p> <p>There being no further, the meeting was closed by the Chair at 6.55pm.</p>