



## NELSON TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

held at the Selina Cooper Hall, Unity Well Being Centre, Vernon Street, Nelson  
on Wednesday 05<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 6.30pm

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**Councillors Present:** Cllr Michelle Pearson-Asher [Chair], Zafar Ali, Majid Ali Anwar, Mohammed Kamran Latif

**Absent Councillors:** Cllrs Adrian Barrett and Sheila Wicks

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

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

**Officers:** Safia Kauser - Town Clerk/RFO [minute taker]

**Members of the Public:** Peter Smith [Pick-up for Pendle]

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2018/014 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

(EI) To receive and approve apologies for absence and reasons given to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Z Ali and Seconded by Latif, and

**RESOLVED:** That the apologies from Cllrs Adrian Barrett and Sheila Wicks are accepted

2018/015 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

(EI) Members are reminded of the legal requirements concerning the declaration of interests. A Member must generally declare a disclosable pecuniary interest which he or she has in any item on the Agenda. A Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest may not participate in any discussion of the matter at the meeting and must not participate in any vote taken on the matter at the meeting. In addition, the Council's Standing Orders require a Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest to leave the room where the meeting is held while any discussion or voting takes place.

There were no declarations of Interest.

2018/016 **ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

(EI) 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.

No members of the public took part in public participation.

2018/017 **MINUTES**

Signed Chair: .....

Dated: .....

(EI) To approve the draft minutes of the Environmental Improvements committee meeting held on 20 June 2018  
Proposed by Councillor Z Ali and Seconded by Councillor Latif, and  
**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Environmental Improvements committee meeting held on the 20 June be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair

2018/018 **COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES**  
(EI) To consider any issues relating to community and public transport services. Members can raise matters relating to bus routes/ transport issues in the area

A discussion took place surrounding the recent rail network issues and the impact on commuters from Nelson and the Lancashire area.

Proposed by Councillor Z Ali and Seconded by Councillor Latif, and  
**RECOMMENDED:** The Council formally sends a letter to the local MP, National Rail and Minister for Transport on the current rail issues affecting the Lancashire services and that an update is received on the ongoing enquiry

2018/019 **COMMUNITIES CLEAN-UPS/ LITTER PICK UP DATES**  
(EI) **2018/019.1 - To receive an update from a representative from 'Pick up For Pendle' voluntary group on the recent pick-ups in the Nelson Town Council area and upcoming future dates**

Peter from Pick-up from Pendle was present at the meeting and addressed the committee. It was confirmed, in his opinion that Nelson remained the worst town for litter. A recent pick-up had taken place for Southfield and Whitefield Ward and the bottom of Scotland Road. A pick-up was scheduled tomorrow for the Walverdon ward. Peter confirmed that the long-term strategy for his group was to create awareness. Nelson was a prosperous and vibrant town however it was lost due to it's industry. PU4P were recently contacted from a Whitefield group who combined forces and assisted them with a pick up. Ideas were shared on how Councillors could get involved with the group. Peter suggested that at least one Councillor from each of the six wards could initiate a pick up for their area. Most of the nasty/grotty areas had been spot cleaned however the problem now is with reoccurring litter.

A mosque group had been set-up for litter picking and met from 2-4pm. They had been inspired by Peter and PU4P. Peters group has had a good impact and positive comments have been received.

The Marsden ward councillors had identified issues in their own areas and are working closely with the friends of Marsden park.

**Action:** Clerk to contact ward councillors to agree a date for a pick-up in their area. Clerk to inform Peter from PU4P of the dates for each ward. Lead Councillor from each ward to work with PU4P to undertake the pick up and create awareness

**2018/019.2 - To consider marketing the dates for the 'Pick up for Pendle' voluntary groups for inclusion on the Town Council website and social media sites**

Peter confirmed that a facebook page was set-up and an email is circulated to a number of parties including councillors to inform them about the pickup. The Clerk suggested that the Town Council could set-up a page on their new website informing residents about PU4P. Peter confirmed that a similar page is set-up on the Borough Council website with all pick up details.

**2018/019.3 - To consider and recommend any action for frequent fly-tipping in the area to the Pendle Borough Council. A partnership approach should be considered for any new schemes introduced. The Town Clerk will provide an update on this item.**

The Town Clerk had sent David Walker PBC Officer an email requesting information on the current sanctions imposed by PBC on fly tipping and to consider CCTV or fly tipping literature to be displayed around the town via a partnership approach. No response had been received to date. It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

2018/020  
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**DOG FOULING**

**To receive any updates on the dog fouling spray initiative scheme and consider the purchase of additional dog fouling spray (if required)**

It was reported that the Marsden Ward is doing really well. The major hotspots had been cleaned.

2018/021  
(EI)

**ALLOTMENT MANAGEMENT**

To consider any outstanding issues arising relating to allotments and to approve any expenditure relating to repairs, maintenance and improvements

The Clerk had contacted the central branch and obtained up to date contact details for each allotment society branch.

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(EI)

**ANY ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

To notify the Clerk of any matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting

- Budget 2019/20

2018/023  
(EI)

**DATE OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 05 December 2018 at 6.30pm, Unity Wellbeing Centre

The meeting was closed by the Chair at 7.15pm.