

Minutes of Thornaby Town Council's Environment Meeting held in the Town Hall on Monday 11 November 2013 at 6.30pm

Present: Councillors Mick Moore, Dave Kennington, Pat Large, Corinne Moore, Karina Maxwell, Steve Walmsley

Minutes prepared by the Town Clerk

ENV-13/70: NOTICE OF MEETING:

The notice of convening the meeting was taken as read

ENV-13/71: APOLOGIES: To receive any apologies for absence

No apologies were received

ENV-13/72: CODE OF CONDUCT: Declarations of Interest

None declared

ENV-13/73: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No questions were received from the public

ENV-13/74: RIVER USERS GROUP

Members were informed that TTC's representative Mrs Pat Williams would be retiring from the River Users Group. Nominations were then invited for a member of the committee to take her place on the group. Cllr Mick Moore proposed Cllr Pat Large which was seconded by Cllr Dave Kennington. No further nominations were put forward.

RESOLVED that Cllr Pat Large would become the new TTC representative to reside on the River Users Group

ENV-13/75: NEW ROAD SIGN

Members considered the information and costs provided by Stockton Borough Council for a new 'Welcome to Thornaby on Tees' road sign to be situated as you come out of Ingleby Barwick. It was proposed that the sign be purchased and the cost for the sign be added into next year's precept.

RESOLVED that the sign be purchased out of next year's precept

ENV-13/76: HAROLD WILSON PLAY AREA UPDATE

Fencing: Members were informed that the proposed start date for the new fencing was still to be confirmed.

Naming of the play area: A report will be sent to the Commemoration Working Group, following the first phase of consultation in regards to calling the play area after Cllr Mick Eddy. Then it will require endorsement by SBC's Cabinet/Council which at the earliest would be December or January. After a discussion took place it was proposed that a letter be sent to SBC from TTC in support of the naming of the play area in memory of Cllr Eddy

RESOLVED that a letter be sent to SBC in support of the naming of the play area in memory of Cllr Eddy

Members were also informed that it had become very muddy around both benches and it was proposed that concrete plinths under both would be more suitable.

RESOLVED that the clerk contact SBC asking them to put concrete plinths under both benches

ENV-13/77: BUS SHELTERS

In regards to the ongoing vandalism of bus shelters, members considered the information received back from SBC in regards to TTC's recommendation of replacing polycarbonate panels in bus shelters with perforated steel panels. SBC had previously looked at this option but rejected the use of perforated metal panels because they are perceived as being as a result of being in a 'high crime area'. However they are shortly to trial a more vandal resistant shelter type in a high risk location to assess just how vandal resistant it is. Depending on the outcome of that trial they would consider selecting that shelter should there be a need in a particular area,

RESOLVED that a response be sent back requesting an update on the more vandal resistant bus shelter trial

ENV-13/78: MILLBANK LANE PEDESTRIAN REFUGE

Members were informed that following the Eastern Area Transport Strategy meeting on October 15, it was agreed to provide the proposed refuge to the east of Thorntree Road as soon as is practicable, and to continue design work with respect to the requested refuge further west near the police station and park entrance; monies were allocated to enable the latter to be provided in 2013/14 if feasible. The design work with respect to the western refuge is on-going, a preferred scheme will be forwarded to Ward Councillors and the Town Council prior to a public consultation exercise, the results of which will be reported to elected representatives prior to progression.

RESOLVED that the information was noted

ENV-13/79: REQUEST FOR DOG BIN

Members considered the request to place a dog bin at the entry point into Cassie's Field.

RESOLVED that the clerk contact SBC to order the bin which is to be placed in a suitable position on the field in agreement with SBC

ENV-13/80: COMMUNITY TRANSPORT INVITATION

This item was information only

ENV-13/81: CLERK'S UPDATE

Members were informed that no reply has been received from the Cabinet Office to the email sent by the clerk requesting a reply to TTC's 'Royal Charter Status' request.

RESOLVED that Cllr Large contact the Constitutional Club to enquire if they have a copy of TTC's Royal Charter

ENV-13/82: MUSICAL EVENT UPDATE

Members discussed the information provided by the clerk in regards to holding a music event in Thornaby or at Thornaby Show.

RESOLVED that the clerk and Cllr Corinne Moore hold another meeting with SBC to discuss further and bring that information back to the next meeting

ENV-13/83: CONFIRM PRECEPT PROPOSAL FOR 2014/15

It was proposed and agreed that £600 for the new road sign be added to the total of £33,500 previously tabled.

RESOLVED that the costs for a new sign be added to the £33,500 previously tabled and that the final precept proposal for 2014/15 from the Environment Committee for consideration by Full Council is confirmed at £34,100

ENV-13/84: CORRESPONDENCE

Members viewed the following correspondence:

- Email from SBC – 'H' markings along Langley Avenue: Effectiveness of the current traffic calming measures along Langley Avenue and copy of letter to be sent to residents affected by the 'H' markings along with a plan showing their locations

RESOLVED that all correspondence was noted

ENV-13/85: COUNCILLORS REPORT & ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

It was requested that thank you letters be sent to those involved in helping with Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service

ENV-13/86: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Monday 20 January 2014 at 6.30pm

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.30pm

