

THORNABY TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, MANDALE ROAD, THORNABY ON TEES on
MONDAY 21st MARCH 2016 at 6.30pm**

ENV-16-20: NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of Thornaby Town Council's Environment Committee took place at Thornaby Town Hall on Monday 21st March 2016 beginning at 6.30pm. Notice of the meeting was posted in accordance with Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972.

The meeting was attended by Councillors, Mick Moore (Chair), Ray Godwin (Vice Chair), Ian Bailey and Steve Walmsley.

ENV-16-21: APOLOGIES

Apologies were presented by Councillor Bailey on Behalf of Councillor Mick Hills. The Clerk was absent from the meeting due to holidays and so Councillor Walmsley recorded the minutes of the meeting in her absence.

ENV-16-22 CODE OF CONDUCT

None declared.

ENV-16-23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

ENV-16-24 THORNABY FISHING PEGS

John Angus from SBC gave an update in regard to the provision of 6 fishing platforms for disabled anglers – a proposal dating back from 2001 when costs were estimated at approximately £106,000. John informed members that those costs had now risen to £220,000 and that sources of funding were now limited. Sport England did provide funding some years ago under a heading of Inspired Facilities, but unfortunately that scheme has now been 'paused'.


A short discussion then took place and members asked John to keep the committee apprised of other sources of funding – i.e. mainstream disability grants, landfill tax. John was also asked to investigate access to the site near to Garden Close and also to look into the possibility of pegs for the disabled near to Thornaby Place where Navy Cadets have just acquired a new HQ. John has pledged to get back to committee on all matters.

ENV-16-25 THORNABY WOODS DOG BIN

John Angus then brought members up to date with the latest on dog waste bins near to Thornaby Wood. Following a short discussion, agreement was reached on both siting and cost – the latter of which will be borne by ward councillors out of their ward budgets.

ENV-16-26 EASTERN AREA TRANSPORT STRATEGY 2016-2017

Mark Gillson (SBC) was not in attendance, but members agreed that the main issue decided by full council at a recent meeting was to press for cycle network improvements. Members agreed that ambition should be pursued. However, members also agreed that in the long run traffic congestion was going to be a real issue in the near future and that we should not lose sight of that. A letter from the Chair of Thornaby Town Council had been agreed to be sent to SBC requesting that Stage 4 of what is referred to as another Thornaby Bypass be taken out of all local plans and core strategy in the interests of preserving priceless woodland and safeguarding the health of residents – especially children – from pollutants associated with excess traffic.

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ENV-16-27 THORNABY SPRING CLEAN


Members agreed for Councillor Bailey to deliver a strategy for Thornaby Spring Clean – including networking with CFYA, businesses and schools. It was also agreed that a publicity campaign needs to be mounted – preferably with schoolchildren leading – to highlight irresponsible dumping and litter blighting our town and environment. It was suggested by Councillor Walmsley that a campaign also be mounted specifically on discarded plastic; in particular bottles thrown away by footballers/sportspeople. The example set by professionals was raised and agreed that perhaps this could be raised at governing bodies.

ENV-16-28 HEAD WRIGHTSON LOCOMOTIVE

Members were informed that the Chair of Council was dealing with this matter which has some history to it.

All additional matters/ information had been touched on during the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

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