

MINUTES OF THE ZOOM VIRTUAL FACILITIES, ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL ECONOMY COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2020

PRESENT Councillors Monkman, Atkinson, Angharad, Harris and Oldfield.

IN ATTENDANCE Emma Smith (Town Clerk) and 2 members of the public

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- FAC164 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
 Cllr B Bellamy – no reason given
 Cllr L Ploughman – no apologies given
 Cllr N Ploughman – work commitments
- FAC165 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**
 None
- FAC166 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**
 None
- FAC167 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**
 None
- FAC168 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
 A member of the public wanted to thank the members of the Council for the continued work they are doing under the difficult circumstances. During the last lockdown the public toilets were closed, this was a concern for residents that were using the open facilities in the town. Cllr Monkman reported that the toilets were not to be closed during this month's lockdown.
 The member of the public also raised that they may be interested in joining the Flood Warden scheme as a volunteer when they had received all the information regarding what was involved.
- FAC169 MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES, ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL ECONOMY COMMITTEE MEETING ON 22 SEPTEMBER 2020**
RESOLVED Committee approved the minutes of the Facilities, Environment and Local Economy Committee meeting held on 22 September 2020 with the exception of the spelling mistake of Ox Hey in minute number FAC140 reported as Ox Hay.
 Cllr Atkinson noted the lights are now working on the skate park and a maintenance schedule is to be undertaken as soon as possible.
- FAC170 ITEMS TO NOTE**
 a) Clerks update on the clothing bins at Morrisons depot
RESOLVED Noted
 b) St John's car park barrier removal
RESOLVED Noted
 c) Monthly Market Service Contract has been advertised
RESOLVED Noted – The Monthly Market would be held in November for food sellers only subject to any Government guidance available prior to the next Market.
 d) Geese Island Lighting update
RESOLVED Noted

e) Land at Milford
RESOLVED Noted

FAC171 FLOOD WARDEN RESILENCE PLAN

Cllr Monkman is currently working on the plan. Next stage is to write to everyone who wanted to be a Flood Warden and Councillor Flood Wardens to incorporate this information into the plan.

Derbyshire County Council have identified 4 flood areas in Belper, North at Bridgefoot, Belper South behind Morrisons/Rugby Club, Milford and the Coppice Brook.

The second stage is to establish equipment and training required.

RESOLVED Noted

FAC172 TOILET FACILITY WORKING GROUP UPDATE

Cllr Porter submitted an early alert to let all Members know what the proposals could be in relation to Field Lane car park from East Midlands Railway prior to the Full Council meeting.

Report received from Cllr B Bellamy and Cllr Chris Emmas-Williams to provide some clarity on the report circulated. *Appendix 1*

RESOLVED To include the information presented from Cllr Porter on behalf of the East Midlands Railway to the next Full Council meeting.

FAC173 LITTER ISSUES IN BELPER

Cllr Atkinson spoke about the Belper Wombles who are a volunteer led group. Discussion based on the possibility of employing someone to conduct and organise litter picks. This is due to the extra workload imposed on the outdoor team in terms of collecting the litter left around the town by the group.

RESOLVED Defer to the next meeting once costings had been worked up on the proposal and discussions had taken place with Cllr N Ploughman.

FAC174 TOWN COUNCILS PRESENCE AT BELPER LIBRARY

RESOLVED Noted and thanked the Marketing, Economic Development and Tourism Co-ordinator for the work already done regarding this matter.

FAC175 FUTURE ALLOTMENT AREAS/SHARED ALLOTMENT SPACE

Cllr Monkman has been liaising with Strutt Street Solicitors on potential allotment areas available.

RESOLVED To establish a working group on Allotments and Community Orchard to contact people on the current allotment waiting list to match them up with potential available allotments spaces in Milford.

Working group to consist of Cllr Angharad, Oldfield, Monkman and to co-opt Chris Ring, Allotment manager on Hunter Road and Allotment Manager at Milford.

- FAC176 SUPPORTING TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN MILFORD**
RESOLVED Cllr Angharad to make contact and bring back more information to the next Committee meeting.
- FAC177 CAR PARKING WORKING GROUP UPDATE**
 No updates as the working group have not held a meeting to date.
RESOLVED Noted
- FAC178 MONTHLY MARKET WORKING GROUP**
RESOLVED Approved a Monthly Market working group consisting of Cllr Mallett, Watson, Angharad and co-opt Pippa at No.28, Paul Terry and Marketing, Economic Development and Tourism Co-ordinator. This group has been established to look at the market on an ongoing basis and feed back any important information from stall holders or any problems from future markets to the Facilities Committee for discussion. The Assistant Town Clerk has delegated power to change any aspect of the Market if urgent in between Facilities Committee Meetings.
- FAC179 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SCHEME**
 No updates received from Cllr Porter on this scheme.
RESOLVED Noted
- FAC180 GRIT BIN WORKING GROUP UPDATE**
 No updates as the working group have not held a meeting.
RESOLVED Noted
- FAC181 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA OR COMMUNICATIONS GROUP**
RESOLVED Revisit the Disabled Garage building in the Coppice car park
- FAC182 NEXT MEETING**
RESOLVED 26 January 2021 location to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.21pm

Signed

Chairperson

Date 26 January 2021

Appendix 1

"Following discussions with officers this afternoon, we can yet again confirm that there is no prospect of the AVBC land on field lane being used for the purpose of a toilet and office site for the private rail franchise East Midlands trains, Belper Town council or anyone else. Full council has recently passed a motion to repurpose this land for 100 extra car park places, and that is what we will be doing. We note that an online petition was raised against this decision, and that this attracted just 12 signatories.

We are disappointed that Cllr Porter, who wrote this report, did not see fit to speak to the Cabinet member responsible regarding the use of this land, but we are afraid that this follows the pattern of the Belper neighbourhood plan, which also made plans for this AVBC land, but again didn't speak to Amber Valley Borough Council regarding their plans. Had they done so, then a lot of wasted work could have been saved. We also note that this current paper does not fit into the draft Belper Neighbourhood plan either; and the proposal would not currently be legally compliant, as all new Toilets are expected from early next year to be Changing Places (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/changing-places-toilets-for-severely-disabled-people-to-be-compulsory-in-new-public-buildings>) but that is moot, as these plans will not be happening.

We would respectfully suggest that BTC could explore possibilities with the land owner at the top of platform 2, should they be minded to spend public money to build toilets and an office for this private rail franchise.

For information, we can confirm that officers in the regeneration portfolio are meeting with East Midlands Trains, to discuss the making of the new entrance through to platform 1 from the car park. There will be no meeting with BTC, DCC, EMT and AVBC on our land, and we consider the matter of this scheme or any other for this land, owned by AVBC, put forward by Belper Town Council, now closed.

Cllr Chris Emma Williams - Leader Amber Valley Borough Council

Cllr Ben Bellamy - AVBC Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Regeneration and Community Safety