

**MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES, ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL ECONOMY
COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 29 JUNE 2021 AT THE STRUTTS CENTRE,
DERBY ROAD, BELPER DE56 1UU**

PRESENT Councillor Monkman (in the Chair)
Councillors Atkinson, B Bellamy, Kennedy, Oldfield and
Ploughman

IN ATTENDANCE Emma Smith (Town Clerk) and 4 members of the public

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- FAC227 APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIRPERSON**
RESOLVED Cllr Monkman
- FAC228 APPOINTMENT OF A VICE CHAIRPERSON**
RESOLVED Cllr Atkinson
- FAC229 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Cllr Angharad – Holiday
Cllr Dwyer - Holiday
- FAC230 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**
None
- FAC231 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**
None
- FAC232 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**
None
- FAC233 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
A member of the public spoke about Footpath 35 from Crich Lane to Cherry Tree Avenue. Footpath width has reduced over time and is overgrown with weeds and residents' hedges. Playfield field wall has collapsed.
- Cllr B Bellamy as a Borough Councillor reported that Planning at Amber Valley Borough Council (AVBC) are refusing all call ins at the moment. Councillors are taking legal advice.
- FAC234 MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES, ENVIRONMENT AND LOCAL ECONOMY COMMITTEE MEETING ON 27 APRIL 2021**
RESOLVED Committee approved the minutes of the Facilities, Environment and Local Economy Committee meeting held on 27 April 2021.
- FAC235 BUSKING ON KING STREET**
Clerk reported that AVBC will not be pursuing a PSPO due to policing and enforcement.
RESOLVED Clerk to write to AVBC and suggest busking spots where a busker can book a spot within the Town for example a spot near the air raid shelter on King Street.

- FAC236 SNOWBERRY SITE ORCHARD**
Clerk reported that no further updates on the Town Councils offer to AVBC of maintaining and managing the site has been received.
RESOLVED Clerk to chase this up with the Officer involved at AVBC. Cllr Monkman will make contact with Cllr Ainsworth who is the Portfolio holder for this site.
- FAC237 TOILET PROVISION – WORKING GROUP UPDATE**
Clerk circulated the report from the Toilets Working group to Committee members.
RESOLVED Noted. Clerk to contact 1924 building as they are keen to work with the Town Council regarding public toilets.
- FAC238 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS**
RESOLVED Approved Belper Town Council to pay 25% of the cost of the 4 charge points for the Coppice car park. Clerk to submit the application for funding for the additional 75%. The rest of the budget will be ear marked for future electric vehicle charging points.
- FAC239 HAPPY TO CHAT BENCHES**
RESOLVED Approved purchase of a bench for the Memorial Gardens. Approved if the landowner agrees to install a bench outside the Library on the grassed area at the front. Clerk to talk to the landowner regarding purchasing a bench opposite Manor Road as Futures Housing own this land.
- FAC240 IDEAS EXCHANGE MEETING DATES**
RESOLVED Deferred to the next Committee meeting due to COVID restrictions.
- FAC241 HEATING OPTIONS AT ST JOHNS CHAPEL**
Communications working group looking into the information regarding energy efficiency at St John's Chapel.
RESOLVED Noted
- FAC242 NATURE TRAIL AROUND THE TOWN**
No further updates on the nature trail to report.
RESOLVED Noted
- FAC243 DERWENT VALLEY CYCLE PATH – WYVER LANE**
Clerk is awaiting a date for a site meeting with Derbyshire County Council (DCC) regarding this matter. The Clerk has circulated the data collected from the residents of Wyver Lane to the officer at DCC
RESOLVED Noted

- FAC244 WILDING BELPER**
RESOLVED Cllr Monkman and Kennedy to speak with the Wilding Belper correspondent and enquire what can be achieved. The correspondent to be advised to talk to Derbyshire Wildlife Trust. Clerk to look into the possibility of wilding the Geese roundabout.
- FAC245 ALLOTMENT OPPORTUNITIES**
RESOLVED Clerk to contact Somercoates Parish Council to enquire about utilising their vacant plots.
- FAC246 BELPER YOUTH SPORTS FESTIVAL**
Cllr Monkman reported that week 1 has sold out and week 2 only has a few remaining places. Local sponsorships have been received from businesses towards the associated costs of holding the sports festival. Cllr Monkman is hoping to expand on the activities available next year. Grant funding has been acquired for the remaining amount required to hold the festival.
RESOLVED Noted
- FAC247 RIVER LEVEL GAUGE BOARDS**
Cllr Monkman reported that the Environment Agency (EA) are providing 2 river level gauge boards. There will be one for Milford near the highest weir and 1 in the River Gardens in the dredging area. These are due to be installed in August. Cllr Monkman is due to hold a flood debrief and the EA are keen to support.
RESOLVED Clerk to sign Cllr Kennedy up to the Flood Warden volunteer group.
- FAC248 CANOE PASS AT THE RIVER GARDENS**
RESOLVED Approved the additional funding of £884 required from the Carbon Plan budget.
- FAC249 CHARGES FOR SUNDAY MARKETS (JULY TO SEPTEMBER)**
RESOLVED Charity and voluntary stalls are free. Any Commercial stall holders will incur a charge. Market working group to look into holding additional markets and bring back to this Committee.
- FAC250 SPECIALIST STREET FOOD TRAILER AT THE COPPICE**
RESOLVED Committees policy is not to allow any food traders on the Coppice car park area.
- FAC251 IDENTIFY VERGES THAT CAN BE LEFT UN-MOWN**
RESOLVED Cllr Atkinson and Oldfield for Belper East, Cllr Ploughman for Belper Central, Cllr Kennedy for Belper South, Cllr Monkman and B Bellamy for Belper North. Feedback ideas for verges that could be left un-mown to the next Committee meeting.

FAC252 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA OR COMMUNICATIONS GROUP
RESOLVED Shared Garden idea for allotments, Belper Youth Sports Festival and Skate Park

FAC253 NEXT MEETING
RESOLVED 21 September 2021 at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.57pm

Signed

Chairperson Date 21 September 2021