

## BERKHAMSTED TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of a Meeting of the

### TRANSPORT & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Held in the Main Hall at the Civic Centre, Berkhamsted

on Monday 30 May 2022 at 19.30 hrs

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Councillors** N Taylor (Chair)  
S Cloughton  
P Fisher  
A Foster  
G Stevens

#### ALSO PRESENT:

**Town Councillors** G Corry  
W Conian (for item 33/22)

**Officer:** T Noakes – Town Clerk (Minutes)

**Members of Public:** 3 members of the public were present

**Absent:** Councillors M Hardinge and T Porter

#### Opening Matters and Governance

- TE 29/22**
- (i) Cllr N Taylor was elected as Committee Chair for 2022/23.
  - (ii) Cllr A Foster was elected as Committee Vice Chair for 2022/23.
  - (iii) Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A Peeler (Cllr G Stevens attended the meeting as substitute).
- TE 30/22** To receive **Declarations of Interest** regarding items on the agenda
- (i) No declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda were received.
  - (ii) No written requests for dispensations for declarable interests were received.
  - (iii) No requests for dispensation as appropriate were received.
- TE 31/22** The minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 April 2022 were **approved**.

## **TE 32/22 Public Participation**

Standing Orders were suspended so that **members of the public could speak.**

## **TE 33/22 Thames Water**

- (i) Committee received an update from Thames Water representatives (Yvette de Garis, Head of Environmental Engagement & Jake Morley, Local Government Lead). This included information about the Berkhamsted sewage treatment works, future plans and the impact locally on the Canal and the river Bulbourne (presentation slides will be forwarded).
- (ii) Thames Water will join the Town Council's CARP Working Group.
- (iii) Committee Chair, Cllr N Taylor thanked the Thames Water representatives for their attendance and presentation.

## **TE 34/22 Chair's Communications**

- (i) Berkhamsted Nature Project – the paper was noted by Committee.
- (ii) Traffic congestion in Castle Street – next step was to arrange a meeting with Berkhamsted School to discuss the issue. **Action – Town Clerk**
- (iii) New Road Field Access – matter is closed until any further request for support is received.

## **REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES**

### **TE 35/22 Hertfordshire County Councillor N Taylor**

- (i) Cllr N Taylor gave an update on HCC matters impacting Berkhamsted:
  - a. The effectiveness of 20 mph zones consultation continues and further information will be issued at future meetings.
  - b. White Hill remains closed with the HCC roadworks website indicating a 21 June 2022 completion.
  - c. Flooding on St Johns Well Lane around to the rear of M&S continues to be an issue. The next drain clearance is scheduled for July-Sept 2022 (from HCC website).

### **TE 36/22 Berkhamsted Castle Trust**

- (i) The Berkhamsted Castle Trust update was carried forward to the next T&E meeting on 25 July.

## **TRANSPORT**

**TE 37/22 Berkhamsted Bus Service Consultancy**

- (i) An update on the Berkhamsted Bus Service project was given. The next stage was to liaise with Sawbridgeworth Town Council to understand more about their own current community bus service.

**Action – Town Clerk**

**ENVIRONMENT**

**TE 38/22 Project Tracker Report**

- (i) It was agreed that a small Working Group (WG) would be formed to review the project list and prioritise the projects to be resourced and delivered over the next 12 months.

**Action – Town Clerk & Project Officer**

- (ii) The WG would include Cllrs N Taylor, A Foster, G Stevens and W Conian.

- (iii) All Cllrs will be sent the complete list of projects to ask for Project Sponsors.

**Action – Project Officer**

**TE 39/22 Environment Agency (EA) – Bulbourne River Consultancy Project**

- (i) Discussions with Northchurch Parish Council and DBC were continuing to see what contributions they would be prepared to make to the project costs (£20K would be the total amount required from all 3 bodies, BTC, Northchurch and DBC).

Reference	Action	Complete	Outstanding - Responsibility
34/22	Arrange meeting with Berkhamsted School to discuss traffic congestion in Castle Street	No	Town Clerk
37/22	Liaise with Sawbridgeworth Town Council to understand more about their local community bus service	No	Town Clerk
38/22	Project Tracker Report review with WG	No	Project Officer
38/22	Request to be sent to Cllrs for project sponsor nominations	No	Project Officer

**TE 40/22 Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 21.11 hours.

Signed .....

Date .....

**Next Meeting – 25 July 2022**