

BARNSTAPLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held by video conference on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020 AT 7.00pm.

Chairman: Cllr L York

Present: Cllrs I Roome, R Knight, J Carter, J Slee, J Orange & J Coates.

In attendance: Mr R Ward Town Clerk

EN001 Apologies, as recorded on the attendance sheet were received from Cllr V Elkins, A Rennles (family), M Lovering (access to IT) & R Mack (access to IT).

Apologies and reasons were considered and approved by councillors.

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EN002 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllr I Roome, L York & J Orange as members of North Devon Council have a dispensation to discuss and vote on all items on the agenda unless the item refers to a financial or legal agreement or dispute between the two authorities.

EN003 The committee resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020 be approved and signed as a correct record.

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EN004 The committee resolved that the Budget Monitoring Statement be noted

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EN005 Cllr York reported on the latest meeting of the Climate Emergency Working Group, that was held on 5<sup>th</sup> August, giving an update on the items discussed. Minutes of the meeting will be circulated to all councillors. Resolved to note the report.

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EN006 The Climate Emergency Working Group - Climate Action Plan, circulated to all councillors, was presented to the meeting for adoption on behalf of the Town Council. Resolved to adopt the action plan on behalf of the Town Council.

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EN008 Allotment Update

There appears to have been an increased interest in allotments as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and most plots have now been let and there is still a waiting list.

Allotment tenant renewals are due in October.

There has been an issue of trespass on to the Sunnybank allotment site by residents who have put in gates to the site from their gardens, letters will be sent to the residents and prices are being sought for fencing to secure the boundary. The committee resolved to note the report.

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EN009 Cllr York gave a report on a recent presentation to One Barnstaple on a project called Grow, Share Cook. It is a Plymouth based project for

households on lower incomes and those at risk of Type-2 diabetes. The aim is to improve healthy eating and cookery skills by supplying fortnightly bags of 5 different seasonal fruits and vegetables which are sourced direct from growers and community growing projects, recipients also take part in cookery sessions designed to widen cookery knowledge. More details of the group can be found on the [tamargrowlocal.org](http://tamargrowlocal.org) website. The intention is to explore options to see whether a similar project could be tried in Barnstaple.

RESOLVED: to note the report and receive future updates as to how the Town Council might be able to engage with the project.

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Meeting ended at 7.35pm.

Chairman

Signed..... Dated .....