

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND RECREATION
COMMITTEE HELD ON 26TH JUNE 2017

PRESENT: Councillor P. Allen
M. Blackburn
D. Cole
K. Dooley
J. Kimberley
C. McLaughlin
S. McLaughlin
F.A. Nash
F.V. Nash
L. Sorrell

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE 2017/2018 MUNICIPAL YEAR

RESOLVED that Councillor F.V. Nash be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the 2017/2018 Municipal Year

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE 2017/2018 MUNICIPAL YEAR

RESOLVED that Councillor S. McLaughlin be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the 2017/2018 Municipal Year

3. APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance from Councillor Bennett-Watson (childcare issues) was received and acknowledged but not approved.

4. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST FROM MEMBERS AND OTHER
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest made by members relating to items on the agenda.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held 3rd April 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings

6. APPOINTMENT OF A SUB-COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR
MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S EVENTS

RESOLVED that Councillors Allen, S. McLaughlin and F.V. Nash be appointed to form the Events Sub-Committee

7. REPLACEMENT OF CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

The Clerk advised members that a decision had been taken to maintain the tree at its current height to assist with management and proposed that replacement lights be purchased which would remain in situ all year round.

RESOLVED that consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Council and estimated costs be obtained

8. CONSIDERATION OF A FURTHER CATEGORY IN THE GARDEN COMPETITION RELATING TO SCHOOL GROUNDS

A proposal was made to include a separate category in the garden competition for gardens in school grounds.

- RESOLVED i) that a separate category be introduced with a prize of £100 (vouchers) and a shield
ii) that the Clerk write to the schools to confirm that access will be possible for judging purposes

9. BUS SERVICES IN FORDBRIDGE

Members discussed the recent changes to local bus services which have received a great deal of criticism from local people. Information was also provided regarding representations made by members and other local politicians and the response received

- RESOLVED i) that the Clerk write to National Express West Midlands complaining about the changes and the lack of consultation
ii) that the Council publicise through its website and social media channels, its views on the changes and the action that has been taken

10. PRESENTATION TO THE WINNERS OF THE FORDBRIDGE PRIZE 2017

The Clerk reported that two successful nominations had been received which realistically is insufficient to stage a separate presentation evening and asked members to make alternative arrangements

- RESOLVED that presentation to the Fordbridge Prize winners be made at the Garden Competition presentation evening

11. THE FUTURE OF THE FORDBRIDGE PRIZE AND LIAISON WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS

The Clerk again expressed his disappointment at the lack of involvement by the majority of the local schools. He re-iterated his wish to continue trying to engage with them and suggested a minor change to the nomination process to assist this process.

- RESOLVED i) that in future nominations for the Prize be invited on an ongoing basis, with the prize continuing to be awarded at the end of each academic year
ii) that the Council publicise the recipients of the Prize and include reference to non involvement by some schools

12. PREMISES LICENCE VARIATION: FORDBRIDGE SOCIAL CLUB

The Clerk reported that details of a proposed variation to the Premises Licence at Fordbridge Social Club had been circulated to all members

- RESOLVED that details of the application be received and noted and no further action taken on this matter

13. REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND DECISIONS TAKEN WITH DELEGATED POWERS

Single Storey Front And Rear Extension, 42 Newby Grove

No objections were raised by members. In accordance with the provisions of Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Clerk decided to raise no objections.

The meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN