

MINUTES of the Meeting of the ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
 held at
The Guildhall, Church Street, Harwich
 on
Tuesday 10th March 2015 at 7.00pm

Present:	Councillors Brown, Flavell, I Henderson, Todd, McLeod, Thompson, F Powell and King
In the Chair:	Councillor Fowler
Clerk:	Mrs Michelle Townsend
Also present:	No members of the public or press

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

None

E82/14	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Apologies were received from Councillors Thompson, Day and King and Horticultural Advisers Chris Greenfield and Paul Preece.
E83/14	<u>DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS</u> None
E84/14	<u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> RESOLVED that the minutes of the Environment & Community meeting held on 21 st January 2015 (previously circulated) be approved by the Committee and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
E85/14	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u> E74/14 – Lifting of Parking Restrictions in The Drive . Letters to residents and petition in progress. E75/14 – Provision For Second Community Notice Board – In consultation with Ian Taylor (TDC), Cllr Fowler has agreed the new location - wall of the toilet block situated next to the Blue Flag Café. Formal approval to be granted by TDC and order to be placed. Councillor Brown suggested an alternative location by the new Dovercourt Seafront Leisure and Information Centre. E76/14 – Upkeep of the Buoy . Jet and Water have been instructed to carry out the clean.
E86/14	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</u> E07/14 . Asset of Community Value . TDC Cabinet agreed on 23 rd January 2015 that the Trafalgar be included in the List of Community Assets. E40/14 . HTC Tree Grant of £675 has been received from TDC. E27/14 – TDC Emergency Planning Meeting . HTC Emergency Planning webpage has been designed. The Chairman gave thanks to Councillor F Powell and the Assistant Clerk for their assistance. E57/14 – HGV's Williamsburg Avenue . Referral has been submitted to the Local Highways Panel. E60/14 – Proposal For Buoy at Gas House Creek . Referral for the installation of a Gateway Feature has been submitted to the Local Highways Panel. E70/14 – Parish & Town Council Community Resilience Meeting . Cllr C Powell to attend the meeting on 10 th March 2015 on behalf of HTC.

E87/14	<p><u>TREE PLANTING & OUTDOOR SPACES</u> No report presented. RESLOVED: In preparation for the new municipal year, Clerk to write to all Horticultural Advisers thanking them for their assistance and seek confirmation that they wish to continue in their capacity of Horticultural Adviser to the Council.</p>
E88/14	<p><u>DISUSED TRAIN FERRY TERMINAL - HARWICH</u> Members reviewed the response received from Hutchison Ports (UK). RESLOVED: Clerk to write to Hutchison Ports (UK) and seek the following information: ^Date the survey was carried out and request a copy. ^Intended date for carrying out the recommended work. ^The cost of the repairs. ^What budget are they intending to earmark for this project? FURTHER RESLOVED: Clerk to write to the Chief Executive of TDC to seek assistance with commencement of talks and moving the project forward.</p>
E89/14	<p><u>ONE WAY VALVE ON THE SURFACE WATER SYSTEM AT HARWICH QUAY</u> Following investigation, it has been confirmed that TDC are responsible for the one-way value flaps. A meeting was held on 24th February co-ordinated by TDC Emergency Planning Officers. RESLOVED: Clerk to write to TDC Emergency Planning Team and request an update.</p>
E90/14	<p><u>PUTTING GREEN</u> Councillor F Powell provided an update on behalf of the Working Party following the recent Extraordinary Council meeting where Members considered quotations received and approved contractors for the different elements of the project. HTC have formally requested confirmation that Tendring District Council will allocate £38,000 of S106 funding towards this project and that Harwich Town Council will be reimbursed from the allocated funds on receipt of invoice. At the meeting of HTC on 25th February 2015, HTC approved to front fund up to £30k for the Putting Green Improvement project, conditional upon TDC confirming that S106 monies are available to reimburse the costs. Approval to front-fund the difference will be discussed and approved at the next Full Council meeting.</p>
E91/14	<p><u>EMERGENCY PLANNING</u> Members reviewed the draft copy of HTC's Emergency Plan version 2. RESLOVED: To approve HTC's Draft Emergency Plan (version 2) and submit to Full Council for approval and adoption.</p>
E92/14	<p><u>LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL</u> No further meeting of the Local Highways Panel has taken place and the next meeting is scheduled for 8th April 2015.</p> <p>Councillor I Henderson confirmed that the work for the pedestrian crossing on Lower Marine Parade is scheduled to commence after Easter.</p> <p>Councillor Flavell confirmed he had received positive feedback from local residents regarding the measures put on place in Ingestre Street.</p> <p>Correspondence received from the LHP regarding Brooklyn Road/Oakland Road was noted.</p>
E93/14	<p><u>DIVERSIONS</u> Members reviewed and noted correspondence from Essex Police and Essex County Highways.</p>
E94/14	<p><u>MATTERS RECEIVED IN THE POST OR RAISED BY MEMBERS</u> Cllr Flavell raised concerns over the time it took TDC to notify HTC following the discovery of a hand grenade in Harwich.</p> <p>Councillor I Henderson confirmed that discussions were taking place with Anglia Water regarding the drains in Pattricks Lane. ECC Officers, engineers and residents have been</p>

	<p>notified of the delay.</p> <p>Councillor McLeod was pleased to see the A120 diversion prepared for the proposed improvements to this road.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked all Members of the Committee and the Clerk for their support and hard work over the past two years.</p>
E95/14	<p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u> To be advised.</p>

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm

CHAIRMAN

DATE