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MINUTES of the Meeting of the ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
 held on
Wednesday 9th October 2024 at 7.00pm
 at **The Guildhall, Church Street, Harwich**

Present:	Councillors Fay, McLeod, Saunders, Smith, Todd and Wade.
In the Chair:	Councillor Fowler
Clerk:	Mrs M Snell
Also present:	Horticultural Adviser Cheryl Thompson 0 members of the public and no members of the press

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: None

E13/24	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Cllrs Davidson and Morrison.
E14/24	<u>DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS</u> None
E15/24	<u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Environment & Community Committee meeting held on 25 th June 2024 (previously circulated) be approved by the committee and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
E16/24	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> Cllr Wade noted The Grange has put in a planning application regarding the care of trees potentially following a report to ECC regarding the upkeep and care of trees within a conservation area.
E17/24	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</u> E26/23 – Clerk advised members that there has been no response from the Wilder Town Initiative for future dates for a meeting but will continue to enquire.
E18/24	<u>HORTICULTURAL REPORT</u> Nothing to report.
E19/24	<u>LHP PANEL</u> The clerk advised members having heard from the LHP Panel representative, Cllr Ivan Henderson. Possible pedestrian measures are being explored at the Pier Hotel to the entrance of Ha’Penny Pier, this to include signage. Gravel Hill Way area is being investigated into the insertion of dropped tactile curbing to provide easier access and movement within the area by users.
E20/24	<u>BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS</u> Clerk reported on the preparatory arrangements in place in readiness for the coming winter, that salt will continue to be held at HCCP. Cllrs Fay and Wade offered to distribute leaflets to shops within the town to advise of HTC’s salt scheme initiative. The clerk offered a suggestion that Upper Dovercourt shops could also benefit for the salt offer, Cllrs Armstrong and Saunders volunteered to distribute leaflets in this area.

E21/24	<p><u>LITTER PICKING INITIATIVE</u></p> <p>The clerk advised that three members of Harwich Town Council which included one member of staff. The cleanup was well attended and lots of works actioned. Cllr Fay expressed his apology to not being able to attend owing to personal circumstances. Cllr Fowler suggested to carry out an HTC litter pick prior to the Christmas Event within the town. Cllr McLeod referred to his apologies that owing to his personal circumstances, he has been unable to attend litter picks but would like to resume in the new year. Clerk to email councillors date of litter pick to be the weekend before the 2024 Christmas event.</p>
E22/24	<p><u>BUDGET UPDATE AND PROPOSED BUDGET FOR MUNICIPAL YEAR 2025/26</u></p> <p>Members received the budget update and proposed 2025/26 budget prepared by the Assistant Clerk and RESOLVED to adopt the following:</p> <p>Tree shrub and Planting Budget: £1000 D-Day 80 Budget (to be renamed to VE DAY 80): £700 Schemes and Projects spend: £2000 TOTAL: £3700 Memorial Ear Marked Reserve: £4919.84</p>
E23/24	<p><u>MATTERS RECEIVED IN THE POST OR ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS</u></p> <p>Cllr Wade queried what powers does HTC have, regarding street furniture and roadwork signage, specifically blocking areas of the town. Cllr Fowler advised HTC has no powers relevant to such but can be reported to Essex Highways and Cllr Ivan Henderson as the elected member for the Harwich Division can be contacted.</p> <p>Cllr McLeod observed how pleased he is regarding the development in the town and how great this is looking. Owing thanks to Tendring District Council, the good that is being done is evident, especially Victoria Street.</p>
E24/24	<p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>The next meeting of the Environment & Community Committee will be held at 7.00pm, on Thursday 15th January 2025 at The Guildhall, Church Street, Harwich.</p>

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.19pm

CHAIRMAN

DATE