

DIRECT & TRADING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2017 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr. Dickins (Chairman)

Cllr. Mrs. Bayley (Vice Chairman)

Cllrs. Barnes, Mrs. Bayley, Kelly, Maskell, Pett, Raikes and Thornton

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Mrs. Bosley, Esler, McGregor and Parson

Cllr. Dr. Canet was also present.

1. Appointment of Chairman

Resolved: That Cllr. Dickins be appointed as Chairman of the Advisory Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

(Cllr. Dickins in the Chair)

2. Appointment of Vice Chairman

Resolved: That Cllr. Mrs. Bayley be appointed as Vice Chairman of the Advisory Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

COUNCILLOR PADDY COOKE

The Advisory Committee took a moment's reflection to remember the late Councillor Paddy Cooke, a former member of the Committee who had sadly passed away in May.

3. Minutes

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 14 March 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no additional declarations of interest.

5. Actions from Previous Meeting

It was noted that the 2016/17 Annual Parking report would be circulated once published.

6. Referrals from Cabinet or the Audit committee

There were none.

CHANGE IN ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS

The Chairman advised he would give his Portfolio Holder update before the Work Plan.

7. Bradbourne Lakes - Sevenoaks

The Chief Officer, Environmental and Operational Services presented the report which provided an update on the condition of the Council owned Bradbourne Lakes open space, and suggested a possible way forward to obtain external funding for restoration and improvement works. The Council would, in the near future, have to incur considerable capital costs at the park, including de-silting the lakes. A one-off, invest to save, bid to the 2018/19 budget would present an opportunity to commission professionals to seek external funding for these works, but with no guarantee of success. If agreed in principle, an application to fund such consultants could be submitted as part of the 2018/19 budget setting process.

Mr John Ingram and Mr Byron Brown from the Bradbourne Residents' Association were welcomed and the Chairman exercised his discretion to allow them to address the Advisory Committee. To aid the [presentation](#), [pictures](#) were tabled. Mr. Ingram gave a brief history of the site, its current condition and the type of events held there. It was suggested by Mr. Ingram that the site would benefit from a multi purpose pavilion, parking and lavatories. It was noted that there were potentially many further stakeholders that could be involved and potential partnerships that should be investigated. It was suggested that such links could be forged during the community outreach which would feed into the compilation of a vision document for the Lake's future, which would in turn inform funding bids. The Advisory Committee were concerned that without a rigorous vision any external funding bid would fail. It was suggested that funding should initially be found to prepare a 'vision' with the cost being met from existing budgets but not to the detriment of the maintenance budget.

Resolved: That

- a) the principle of the one off invest to save application was supported;
- b) to secure the best possible outcome the Advisory Committee considered that it was essential to have a rigorous vision in advance of exploring funding options;
- c) further investigation by the Chief Officer Environmental & Operational Services in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder was required to find out costings and funding for (b) above within the current budget; and

d) the Portfolio Holder inform Cabinet of the above.

8. Update from Portfolio Holder

The Portfolio Holder for Direct & Trading Services reported that:

- New refuse freighters were now bearing the 'See you next week' livery;
- North Farm Household Waste Recycling Centre and Transfer Station would be closed for ten weeks for repair work after the fire in October, a date for the works had yet to be agreed but discussions with Kent County Council were taking place to minimise disruption at Sundridge;
- Fly tipping - there had been a significant recent success, further details and the outcome of which would be publicised shortly, and the KRP had just approved funding for an officer to work with local authorities across Kent sharing intelligence on fly-tipping;
- The planning application for the Buckhurst 2 car park had been submitted for validation; and
- Work was being finalised on a 'recycling app'.

A Councillor advised that she had been unable to find the link that had been on the older version of the website which explained about the use of wheelie bins and refuse collections. It was agreed that there needed to be enough significant information to enable the public to self serve.

Action 1: The Communications team, add some appropriate wording onto the relevant website pages.

9. Work Plan

The Work Plan was noted.

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 8.56 PM

CHAIRMAN