

MINUTES of a MEETING
of the
HIGHWAYS AND LEISURE COMMITTEE
held in the
Council Chamber, BUCKLEY
on
Tuesday 28th November 2017

PRESENT

Councillor J S Jones – in the Chair

Cllr V E Blondak	Cllr R B Jones	Cllr N Phillips
Cllr C A Ellis	Cllr W A Lewis	Cllr E L Preece
Cllr D Ellis	Cllr M J Peers	Cllr M P Teire
Cllr I D Howe	Cllr S Peers	Cllr J F Thornton
Cllr E J Hutchinson	Cllr I Peters	Cllr A Woolley
Cllr H D Hutchinson		

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr M B Wright – Town Clerk & Financial Officer
Mrs L George – Office Administrator
Mrs T J Reece – Office Administrator

16860- APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence and reasons were received and approved from Councillors N A Cropper (family commitments), C M Preece (work commitments) and A G Williams (work commitments).

16861- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Three Declarations of Interest were made in relation to Agenda 5 – Presentation by Area Co-ordinator, Streetscene and Transportation, Flintshire County Council, by Councillors E J Hutchinson, J S Jones and M J Peers. It was –

Resolved – that the Declarations of Interest were noted.

16862- MINUTES

Resolved - that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Highways and Leisure Committee held on 24th October 2017, as now submitted, be signed by the Committee Chair.

**16863- PRESENTATION BY ENFORCEMENT MANAGER
FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF THE
PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER**

The Chair welcomed Ms Ruth Cartwright and Mr Harvey Mitchell, Flintshire County Council and invited Ms Cartwright to give a presentation in relation to the above.

Ms Cartwright outlined the process by which the Public Space Protection Order had come into place on 20th October 2017. Ms Cartwright referred specifically to the powers that came into force on the above date in relation to dog fouling. These included picking up dog waste immediately after the dog had defecated, this applied to all land in public ownership, dogs were not allowed in certain areas, an individual would be limited to the number of dogs they could be walking at anyone time, dogs would be required to be on leads at all times in Cemeteries, dogs would not be allowed to enter sports areas and that dog owners must carry equipment to remove dog faeces. Example maps were provided to Members which showed the various colours that denoted the areas where the Order would apply. The Committee was advised that Flintshire County Council website contained all the necessary information and keys to the maps. Ms Cartwright advised that both Flintshire County Council personnel and a contractor's staff were authorised to issue penalty notices. Ms Cartwright also confirmed that penalty notices could be issued by plain clothes personnel provided they had on their person the relevant authority.

There followed a question and answer session in which both Ms Cartwright and Mr Mitchell clarified whether or not dogs were allowed in certain areas, including dual usage areas. It was also explained that dogs were allowed on Sports fields but were not allowed on the actual pitch. Finally, it was confirmed that the Enforcement Operatives worked a seven day shift system, the hours of which were confidential. It was –

Resolved – that both employees from Flintshire County Council were thanked for the presentation and clarification they provided to questions raised and that the matter be received and noted.

16864- EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Immediately prior to the discussion on Agenda item 5, the Chair of the Committee stated that one of the matters being referred to was of a confidential nature. The Chair, therefore, moved that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it was advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and that they be instructed to withdraw, under Standing Order 28(a). Upon a seconder being identified, the motion was put to the Committee which approved the motion. It was therefore –

Resolved – that for the first item on the presentation by the Streetscene Co-ordinator, Flintshire County Council, the press and public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the matter.

16865- PRESENTATION BY AREA CO-ORDINATOR, STREETSCENE AND TRANSPORTATION, FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

The Chair welcomed Mr Mark Edwards, Streetscene Co-ordinator, Flintshire County Council and invited him to make a presentation on a number of issues. These were:-

1. The outline information was given in relation to a scheme for which a grant was going to be applied for from the Welsh Assembly Government, Mr Edwards sought the Committee's support for the scheme in principle and the submission for a grant.
2. Mr Edwards advised the Committee that litter picking had reduced in Buckley over the preceding months and in relation to fixed penalty notices issued for dog fouling he provided statistics, which showed that between July and November 2016 and the same period for 2017 there had been a reduction from 114 tickets issued to 39 tickets issued. A further spreadsheet provided showed that the collections per week from dog bins had significantly increased showing that more usage was being made of them.
3. Mr Edwards then provided the Carriageway Visual Condition Score Matrix for 2017/18, which dictated the roads that required attention in the immediate future. Mr Edwards also advised the Committee that the Welsh Assembly Government Scanner Survey, which indicates the conditions of roads in the Country, indicated that Flintshire County Council had the best roads in Wales.

It was –

Resolved – that in relation to item 1 that the Committee supported the scheme in principle and the submission for a grant. In relation to items 2 and 3, the Committee thanked Mr Edwards for his presentation and received and noted its contents.

16866- ITEM TABLED FOR MEMBERS' PERUSAL

The following item was tabled for Members' perusal:-

1. Play for Wales – Issue 49 Autumn 2017.

Resolved – that the above item tabled for Members' perusal be received and noted.

CHAIR