

CLIMATE CHANGE & COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Climate Change & Communities Scrutiny Committee of the Bolsover District Council held in the Council Chamber, The Arc, Clowne on Tuesday 12th July 2022 at 10:00 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:-

Councillor Nick Clarke in the Chair

Councillors David Dixon, Evonne Parkin and Jen Wilson.

Officers: Joanne Wilson (Scrutiny & Elections Officer).

CLI12-22/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Anne Clarke.

CLI13-22/23 URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business.

CLI14-22/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

CLI15-22/23 MINUTES OF MEETING ON 24 MAY 2022

Moved by Councillor Evonne Parkin and seconded by Councillor David Dixon.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of a Climate Change & Communities Scrutiny Committee held on 24th May be approved as a correct record.

CLI16-22/23 LIST OF KEY DECISIONS AND ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE

Committee considered the List of Key Decisions and items to be considered in private document.

Due to the forthcoming item planned for August Executive, a discussion took place in relation to environmental enforcement and the balance between costs of enforcement and clearing of waste. Councillor Parkin noted a forthcoming event in the Pinxton area on 23rd July 'Pinxton Freighter Day', which was a Parish Council initiative in conjunction with BDC Streetscene. Residents would be able to take certain types of waste to a number of set collection points during the day in a bid to ensure excess waste could be easily disposed of, hopefully reducing fly-tipping. Councillor Dixon noted that a key issue with this related to professional companies who did not dispose of waste correctly despite advertising such a service.

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Members agreed that the Council's approach to setting of fines and enforcement should mirror that of neighbouring areas and national trends.

Moved by Councillor David Dixon and seconded by Councillor Evonne Parkin.

RESOLVED that the List of Key Decisions and items to be considered in private document be noted.

Councillor Jen Wilson entered the meeting during the following item.

CLI17-22/23 REVIEW OF COUNCIL POLICY ON SKY LANTERNS AND HELIUM BALLOONS

The Scrutiny & Elections Officer presented a summary of the work completed so far in relation to this review area, which was originally commenced by the previous Healthy, Safe, Clean & Green Communities Scrutiny Committee. Members refreshed their knowledge of how the approach at Bolsover compared to both neighbouring areas and nationally. It was noted that the Marine Conservation Society held a list of authorities with such policies/bans in place.

Members agreed that consideration should be given to the scope to lobby Government/the local MP, to add weight to the national campaign for change in policy.

Moved by Councillor Nick Clarke and seconded by Councillor Jen Wilson.

RESOLVED that (1) Members take forward the review topic previously commenced,

(2) Members review and amend the scope and core objectives agreed as required.

(Scrutiny & Elections Officer)

CLI18-22/23 WORK PROGRAMME 2022/23

Committee considered their proposed work programme for 2022/23. Members agreed that to progress the piece of work around Sky Lanterns and Balloons, the relevant Environment Health officers should be invited to the September meeting. It was noted that further items were still being sought for the November meeting.

Moved by Councillor Nick Clarke and seconded by Councillor David Dixon

RESOLVED that the Work Programme 2022/23 be approved and noted.

(Scrutiny & Elections Officer)

The formal public part of the meeting ended at 10.26 hours.

Members then moved in to their Informal meeting to discuss the final amendments to their review report and recommendations for the Review of Voluntary & Community Sector Grant Allocations.

The Informal meeting ended at 11:41 hours.