

BRIGG TOWN COUNCIL
POLICY COMMITTEE
Meeting – Tuesday 6th April 2004
Chaired by – Councillor Mrs. J.A. Bell

Present: Councillors, M.N. Birkitt, C.J. Cook, Mrs. M. Glossop, Mrs. P.J. Smith, and Mrs. A. Tasker

P051 NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

Taken as read and approved.

P052 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Councillor M.S. Campion (Town Mayor) is on holiday.
Councillor J. Kitwood (Deputy Mayor) is at work.
Councillor J. Truempenny is at work.

P053 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

P054 RECEIVE ANY GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Copy of a letter addressed to North Lincolnshire Council, received from Mr. J. Vernam, regarding a parking fine issued at the Angel Car Park.
Noted as received.

P055 UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES FROM THE CLERK

Quality Status Seminar (Minute P043)

The original seminar was over-subscribed, but an alternative date has been offered and accepted.

Grant Application – Brigg Colts Hockey Club (Minute P046B)

The Chairman of Brigg Colts H.C. has contacted the clerk to advise that they have received sufficient corporate sponsorship to cover the whole cost of the trip, therefore the application to the Town Council has been withdrawn.

Best Kept Garden Competition (P047)

Replies awaited from the guest judges.

Standards Board for England – Consultation (P050)

Documents in circulation for consideration at the next meeting.
Councillor Kitwood did comment to the clerk that it is difficult to consider these documents without having the original document to refer to.

Purchase of Chains of Office for the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress

The Chains of Office have been received. A full Council photograph has therefore been arranged for Monday April 26th 2004.

PO56 MONTHLY REVIEW OF THE WEB SITE

Almost all the updates are now on site. The items outstanding relate to factual information – Agendas, Minutes, Meeting Dates etc. have been provided to Concept Web Sites Ltd, but David Redfern who manages the Town Council Web Site ran out of time to action all of the requests, before he went on holiday. The final changes will be dealt with upon his return.

David has provided the clerk with the facility to update parts of the site herself; this includes the newsletter page which Peter Thompson can also now edit.

It is pleasing to note that the Web Site is creeping up the rankings for Google and Yahoo, and a request has been received to link into the site from a Real Estate Company in America, presumably for a reciprocal arrangement?

Councillor Mrs. P.J. Smith proposed that, providing there are no costs involved, requests from genuine web sites such as this one should be accepted, as this will further assist with promoting the Town.

Seconded by Councillor Mrs. J.A. Bell. All agreed.

PO57 BRIGG IN BLOOM 2004:

- a) Review the promotion of the hanging basket hire, and consider whether any further action is required.

The clerk reported an excellent initial response from traders, with many new orders received.

It was agreed that, as the budget for the purchase of new containers is limited, further efforts to promote the hire of baskets should be concentrated on the Market Place in order to fill in any gaps. Councillor Mrs. M. Glossop volunteered to visit those businesses which have not yet responded.

Barrie Gray is currently researching the cost of having some new brackets made, and how much it will cost to install them, but this cost will be met by the businesses that need them.

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- b) Consider/confirm the cost of additional containers ordered.

The clerk advised that she was awaiting a return call from the company who can supply the type of containers previously used. Also, the actual number of containers required will not be known until after the follow up calls in the Market Place.

Councillor Mrs. J.A. Bell proposed that the clerk should be authorised to purchase sufficient containers within the budget available.

Seconded: Councillor C.J. Cook. All agreed.

c) Review of the Yorkshire in Bloom Entry, and initial comments from the Town Mayor following the Spring Judging.

In the absence of the Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs. A. Tasker (who also accompanied the judges on their tour of the Town) reported to members. Councillor Mrs. Tasker advised members that the Town looked extremely poor this year, with very little colour in the domestic gardens. The Town Centre Tubs had been disturbed and the clerk had been unable to have plants replaced; empty containers were still hanging from the St John's Church railings on Wrawby Street; and more litter than usual was evident within the housing estates.

The judges once again pressed home the need for a Brigg in Bloom Committee, and commented that volunteers from that committee would usually be out on the streets addressing many of these minor issues, during the days prior to the judging.

The Town Mayor did suggest to the clerk that Brigg should only enter the summer judging, as the Town usually receives low marks in the Spring but picks up in the summer, but this is not possible as the competition involves judging in both spring and summer.

Members agreed that a further review of the Yorkshire in Bloom Entry should be undertaken, after this year's final results and comments are received.

The clerk was also asked to clarify who is responsible for maintenance of the tubs in the Town Centre and the flower bed on Bigby Street.

PO58 THE REGIONAL AGENDA:

Report from Councillor J. Kitwood, following his attendance at the recent Information Forum.

Item deferred until the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

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Chairman, Policy Committee Meeting
Tuesday 6th April 2004

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Chairman, Full Council
Monday 26th April 2004