

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT CABINET MEMBER MEETING

4.00PM 4 JUNE 2009

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillor G Theobald (Cabinet Member)

Other Members present: Councillors Bennett, Kitcat, McCaffery and Morgan

PART ONE

1. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

1a Declarations of Interests

1a.1 There were none.

1b Exclusion of Press and Public

1b.1 In accordance with section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 ('the Act'), the Cabinet Member for Environment] considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during an item of business on the grounds that it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press or public were present during that item, there would be disclosure to them of confidential information (as defined in section 100A(3) of the Act) or exempt information (as defined in section 100I(1) of the Act).

1b.2 **RESOLVED** – That the press and public be not excluded from the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 **RESOLVED** – The minutes of the meeting held on 7 May 2009 were approved and signed by the Cabinet Member as a correct record.

3. CABINET MEMBER'S COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 There were none.

4. ITEMS RESERVED FOR DISCUSSION

4.1 There were no substantive items.

5. PETITIONS**5(i) Petition – Barn Rise playground, Westdene**

5.1 Councillor Mrs Norman had submitted a petition signed by 160 people requesting improvements to be made to Barn Rise playground in Westdene.

5.2 Councillor Mrs Norman was unable to attend the meeting.

5.3 **RESOLVED** – That the petition be noted and a written response be provided.

5(ii) Petition – resident parking scheme in the Tivoli Crescent area

5.4 Councillor Mrs Norman had submitted a petition signed by 90 people requesting further consultation with residents on a resident parking scheme in the Tivoli Crescent area.

5.5 Councillor Mrs Norman was unable to attend the meeting.

5.6 **RESOLVED** – That the petition be noted and a written response be provided.

5(iii) Petition – discounted car parking in Regency Square Car Park

5.7 Councillor Kitcat presented a petition signed by 54 people concerning a request from Preston Street Traders' Association to offer discounted car parking in Regency Square Car Park to their customers visiting in the evening.

5.8 The Cabinet Member recognised the concerns expressed by the Preston Street Traders' Association and had asked officers to analyse usage data and review the tariff structure at the car park. A response would be provided once the results and of analysis and review were available.

5.9 **RESOLVED** – That the petition be noted.

5(iv) Petition – Blakers Park playground

5.10 Councillor McCaffery presented a petition signed by 192 people requesting that improvements be made to the play equipment in Blakers Park.

5.11 The Cabinet Member confirmed that Blakers Park had been selected for Playbuilder funding and that work was scheduled to be carried out in year one of the project; officers were currently in the process of setting consultation dates for the year one projects and the information would be made public in the near future.

5.12 The Assistant Director for City Services explained that ward councillors would be consulted and that the project plan would be shared once it was ready.

5.13 The Director of Environment added that health and safety concerns could be looked into separately.

5.14 **RESOLVED** – That the petition be noted.

5(v) Petition – communal in bins in Hova Villas

- 5.15 Councillor Older had submitted a petition signed by 31 people opposing the introduction of communal bins in Hova Villas.
- 5.16 Councillor Older was unable to attend the meeting.
- 5.17 **RESOLVED** – That the petition be noted and a written response be provided.

5(vi) Petition – parking restrictions in Worcester Villas

- 5.18 Councillor Kemble had submitted a petition signed by 62 people concerning parking restrictions proposed for Worcester Villas.
- 5.19 Councillor Kemble was unable to attend the meeting.
- 5.20 **RESOLVED** – That the petition be noted and a written response be provided.

5(vii) Petition – bonfires and green waste

- 5.21 Councillor Bennett presented a petition signed by 13 people concerning the effects of bonfires burning green waste on allotments.
- 5.22 The Cabinet Member explained that while bonfires were permitted on allotment sites as a last resort for the disposal of green waste, tenants must be mindful of the impact on local householders; officers had been asked to remind the Weald allotment tenants of the rules. The Cabinet Member asked residents to report any incidents so that action could be taken; the council had the right to ban bonfires if they were causing a nuisance. Allotments rules were currently being revised and the issue of bonfires would be included.
- 5.23 **RESOLVED** – That the petition be noted.

5(viii) Petition – traffic calming on Manor Hill

- 5.24 Councillor Morgan presented a petition signed by 40 people requesting traffic calming measures to be installed on Manor Hill.
- 5.25 The Cabinet Member stated that the council had recently added a 'bend' warning sign on a high visibility backing board at the location. The Road Safety Team had reviewed the collision data for the location and records showed 3 injury collisions during the last 3 years; excessive or inappropriate speed was not listed as a cause for any of the collisions. The Cabinet Member explained that because the road was part of a bus route, the type of traffic calming measures that could be installed were limited and CCTV was not a recognised road safety measure. The Cabinet Member wanted to listen to the concerns of local residents and therefore the Road Safety Team would carry out a survey of vehicle speeds in Manor Hill to determine whether speed was a problem; it would assist in determining any appropriate measures that might need to be implemented in the interest of road safety.

5.26 **RESOLVED** – That the petition be noted.

6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

6.1 There were none.

7. DEPUTATIONS

7.1 There were none.

8. LETTERS FROM COUNCILLORS

8(a) Letter – installation of yellow lines at the junction of Woodruff Avenue and Goldstone Crescent

8.1 A letter was received from Councillor Bennett regarding calls for single yellow lines to be installed at the junction of Woodruff Avenue and Goldstone Crescent on safety grounds (for copy see minute book).

8.2 The Cabinet Member confirmed that the site had been added to the list of sites to look at and monitor for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO); a TRO was required to make parking restrictions such as yellow lines legally enforceable.

9. WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

9.1 There were none.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

10.1 There were none.

The meeting concluded at 4.20pm

Signed

Cabinet Member

Dated this

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