

CLERK REPORT JUNE 2022

32. BUSINESS REQUIRED BY STATUTE

32.1 To receive an update on the Election progress for the Central Vacancy

The election process for the Central Ward vacancy has begun. The deadline for any responses to call an election is on the 14th of June 2022.

32.2 To receive an update on the Central Co-option vacancy

To date there has been no response to the co-option vacancy for the central ward.

40. AMENITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

40.1 To note the minutes of the meeting from 26 May 2022

To note

40.2 To receive an update on the bins opposite the Harbour Village and their relocation.

Northumberland county council have been asked to place the bin that is in storage to the area opposite the harbour village and to remove the other two that are there.

40.3 To note request for covered bins at The Braid Motorhome Parking

Feedback regarding the motorhome pilot scheme has been given specifically around the suitability of the bins that are currently in place. It has been requested that closed lid bins are provided to prevent litter and rubbish being pulled out by birds.

40.4 To note staff attendance at Kompan event 13 June 2022

Staff will be attending the Kompan play equipment event in Gosforth on the 13th of June 2022.

40.5 To receive an update on the Seafarers Memorial

Cllr Weir has been in discussions with Northern Structures with regards to the Seafarers Memorial and this also includes the storage and installation of the memorial.

Northern Structures have also agreed to shotblast and paint the memorial.

Arrangements are still to be made with regard to the plinth.

If the plinth design is changed from what has been accepted by the planning authority a variation must be submitted. If the variation is not submitted and the county council do not approve what has been installed there is a risk that the memorial will need to be removed.

40.6 To note complaint and action taken regarding premises to the rear of George Street

The council has received numerous complaints regarding commercial waste from a business on Queen Street and at the back of George Street. The waste containers are inadequate for the waste provided.

Public protection have been informed and are in discussions with the business owner.

41: PLANNING COMMITTEE

41.1 To note the minutes of the Planning Committee 10 May 2022

To note

41.2 To note the update from CAN re Housing Needs Assessment

Cllr Weir to update

41.3 To note the letter from Mr Bird and Councils response.

To note

41.4 To note the Planning Outcomes for June 2022

To note

42. AGENDA ITEMS:

42.1 To receive an update on Clock Tower repairs

The contractor scheduled to make repairs to the clock tower can no longer do it. The clerk has approached other contractors and is arranging another visit to explain to the new contractor what is required.

Councillor Weir has attended to put the waterproof membrane along the shelf.

42.2 To receive a de-brief on Roller rink

To follow

42.3 To discuss the 2023/2024 Local Transport Plan Priorities

Members are to discuss the 2023/2024 for local transport plan priorities. This will also be added to July's meeting for further discussion.

42.4 To discuss the request from Amble Development Trust in relation to comments made in April 2022 minutes.

A request has been received in relation to comments made in April 2022 minutes. There is around what has been recorded in the minutes regarding that Northumberland County Council would have no choice but to remove the sculptures should they become a health and safety risk. There appears to be some confusion in the understanding of the minutes. This was in fact a comment from Amble Town Council. The request was to remove the line in the minutes however it is proposed that the line is reworded to ensure further clarity around which organisation made the comment.

42.5 The Localism Act 2011 – changes to the standards regime – points to consider

Members are asked to read and to note the changes to the standards regime. In advance of the full council meeting the clerk will highlight the changes to be noted.

42.6 To approve Gazebo loan for The Colony Festival weekend

A request has been received for The Colony Festival to loan the council's gazebo from the 15th to the 17th of July. This is to cover the electrical equipment at the festival. A deposit will be required if the loan is agreed.

42.7 To discuss plans for the 2022 Amble Town Council Awards

Members are asked to consider and discuss plans for the 2022 Amble Town Council awards. It is assumed that the categories will remain the same however a date for the ceremony needs to be decided. Members to confirm the categories and date. Staff to begin arrangements and seeking assistance from the Alnwick Garden as in previous years.

43. COMMUNICATIONS: RECOMMENDATION - *That the Council note the items.*

43.1 To note the request re the Climate Change Survey and the Town Councils request for sight of the survey question before responding.

Staff have requested copies of the questions in the climate change survey however these have yet to be received.

43.2 To note the email from Mr Donaldson and the Council's response

To Note

43.3 Ruth Armstrong – Community Inclusion

To note

43.4 Neighbourhood Watch Week 30 May – 5 June

To note

43.5 Violence Against Women and Girls

To note

43.6 Northumberland Day

To note

43.7 To note email from Our Amble re Jubilee Weekend

To note

43.7 To note the complaint regarding the uncut grass and maintenance at Amble West Cemetery

The council has received complaints regarding the uncut grass and the lack of maintenance in Amble West Cemetery. These have been addressed with NCC and will be discussed further at the next SLA meeting.

43.8 To note the complaint regarding the grass cutting at Amble West Cemetery

The council has also received complaints regarding the grass being cut and Amble West cemetery and the grass trimmings flowing over the headstones.

43.9 Exploring the Coast Living North Magazine Advertisement

To note

43.10 Invite the Inequalities Summit 23 June 2022

Cllr Bewley has registered to attend

43.10 NALC Direct Access

To note

43.11 To note the complaint regarding anti social behaviour to resident in Westfield and action taken

The council has received a complaint regarding antisocial behaviour in Westfield. The resident was advised to contact Northumbria police direct and the issue has also been raised with Malcolm Wallace from Northumberland County Council. There has been no feedback to date.

43.12 Newsletter from Anne Marie Trevelyan 23/05,

To note

43.13 NALC 27/05, 1/06,

To note

43.14 To note comms from Northumbria Connect

To note

Under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public will be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the following items on the Agenda due to their sensitive nature.