

## **NEWBIGGIN-BY-THE-SEA TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Environmental Working Group held on Wednesday  
13 July 2016 at 10:00 am at The Bungalow Newbiggin by-the-Sea.**

### **PRESENT:**

Councillors:

M Cholerton      M Peden      W Rogers

Officer:      D Earl – Town Clerk

County Neighbourhood Services SE Manager and Team Leader

### **EWG05/16    ENHANCED SERVICES 2016**

Neighbourhood Services Managers reported on the arrangements being made regarding sand problems with a JCB engaged to clear the Lifeboat ramp. Atlee play park had been cleared the previous week along with the promenade and steps in the vicinity of the Maritime Centre. Strimming and weed-killing had been done and weeds on the promenade ramps would be tackled that week.

Regarding the cutting of grass slopes which had been suspended for safety reasons a demonstration of robotic cutters had taken place but deemed too expensive. Meetings were arranged with contractors Straughans to consider wildflower seeding. Members emphasised the need for attention to the ramps and steps. Reference was made to the problem of water tracks and weeds on the ramps in the middle sections in particular. The hot spots along the promenade required frequent inspection and clearing when necessary. The beach sand needed profiling each year to allow access to drainage and NS Manager would talk again to Mike Jeffries at NCC. Large scale equipment was needed and works had to be undertaken by contractors.

It was confirmed that weed spraying had been done now in the Storey Crescent area but not further around or in Woodhorn Farm.

The graffiti in the Skatepark had still not been removed and this was urgent for the school holidays together with the outstanding bench painting.

The works schedules for the enhancement works would be provided and Neighbourhood Services would complete schedules for the standard works also.

### **EWG06/16    ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

All town centre bed planting and tubs had been completed and were looking good. Only the barrier planters were to be finished this week with the missing planters put back in place.

All outstanding works had been completed at the playgrounds with only the replacement net swing at Atlee Park outstanding and this would be checked with the local contractor. The hand rails from the promenade at the Church Point had been fabricated and would be installed this week by Smiths.

It was agreed that if suitable arrangements could be made it would be acceptable for volunteers to move sand in the playground.

The land adjoining the Pit Wheel would be in-filled by Neighbourhood Services in conjunction with the paving scheme to be undertaken shortly.

Neighbourhood Services confirmed that the new seat installed at Beach Terrace had not been authorized but would be checked for safe installation.

With reference to the Teenage Market to be held in combination with the other events over the Bank Holiday weekend e-mail contacts for the Traders representatives would be provided as Gregg Gavin, the West Manager whose role had been expanded, would contact them for final arrangements.

Paving works to the platform area at the top of the Horseshoe Steps had been approved. Further work was agreed for the area from the promenade steps onto Church Point.

Work was being undertaken at County to provide better reporting through hand-held information equipment to provide direct reporting and programmes of work.