

NEWBIGGIN-BY-THE-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Environmental Working Group held on Wednesday
02 December 2015 at 11:30 am at The Bungalow Newbiggin by-the-Sea.**

PRESENT: Councillors:
M Cholerton M Peden W Rogers
Officer: D Earl – Town Clerk

EWG20/15 ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

The Group reviewed the current year schemes noting the completion of Atlee Park except for some outstanding sand removal that would be referred to the Probation Service so the area could more easily be managed by Environmental Services next season.

Slow progress had been made by the contractor on site at the Ocean View Horseshoe Steps and completion was now expected in December. Similarly the Woodhorn Road Pit Wheel scheme had been delayed while the wheel was taken by the contractor for cleaning and painting ahead of installation.

Members were requested to give consideration to further schemes for next year so that budget provision could be made. A possible paving and planting scheme incorporating seating would be developed following initial installation works. Improvement works to the paving at Horseshoe Steps would be investigated with County Highways and project possibilities at the East Lea/Colliery woodland area explored also with the County Council.

AGREED: that consideration be given to further environmental schemes during the budget discussions at the Finance Committee.

EWG21/15 ENHANCED SERVICES 2015

The Group would meet with the Environmental Services Managers to review the outcome of the current year's enhanced services throughout the town and consider possible arrangements for next year. It was reiterated that the programme needed to commence earlier to ensure essential tasks completed before the summer season commenced.

A suggested new programme from Neighbourhood Services would be circulated for consideration ahead of those discussions.

AGREED: that these matters be discussed with Neighbourhood Services.

EWG22/15 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

Following on from increased activity to provide the improved lighting display throughout the town the Town Clerk confirmed that requests for completion of outstanding works had been submitted to County Street Lighting and the lighting contractor. There were some issues regarding lack of power. It was felt that a further review of existing lighting column switches and time clocks was required next year.

Consideration of the PAT testing and storage arrangements for the increased number of motifs had been deferred and a decision was required before the motifs were demounted. It was considered that the best solution was to accept the lowest overall quotation and leave arrangements with the installation contractor.

AGREED: that the PAT testing and storage arrangements remain with Bradford Festival Lights/Charlestown.