

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

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Environmental Working Group held on Wednesday 18 May 2016 at 10:00 am at The Bungalow Newbiggin by-the-Sea.**

### **PRESENT:**

Councillors:

M Cholerton      W Rogers

Officer:      D Earl – Town Clerk

County Neighbourhood Services Team Leaders

**EWG01/16 APOLOGIES** for absence were received from Councillor Peden and R Wealleans

### **EWG02/16 ENHANCED SERVICES 2016**

The representatives discussed the initial preparation works for enhancement of the town and the issues around the sand problems on the promenade and Atlee Park which had been cleared again that week. Clearance of sand weeds and any litter from under the seats would be programmed along the promenade for completion before the Bank Holiday weekend and emphasis on keeping steps clear.

Members requested that work sheets identifying completed enhancement works be provided each month ahead of subsequent meetings for review. Flexibility issues were discussed relating to the operation of the sweeper machine and other priorities.

An issue relating to grass cutting at the Cemetery was raised and was the responsibility of a specialist squad with smaller machines which was currently undergoing a restructure. The Team Leader would pursue this with the manager and other areas difficult to access which had not yet been cut or strimmed.

The group of varnished seats opposite the Old Ship on the Quay Wall required urgent attention and would need to be cordoned off during the works. The location of the 4 missing railing planters would be investigated for reinstatement and summer planting considered. Areas previously maintained and planted by Newbiggin in Bloom would be examined and priced for consideration. The Team Leader and Town Clerk would inspect the town centre planters after the meeting to identify what was required. It had been confirmed that Newbiggin Branch RBL would continue looking after Memorial Park.

Litter collection arrangements were considered for the Bank Holiday period and rather than provide additional bins on the promenade Neighbourhood Services were arranging additional collections early on both Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Minor works to bus shelters had been carried out by the sub contractor except for East Lea which would be chased up.

The issue of town centre litter bins had been pursued again with a further visit to businesses by the Waste Manager. The result of the review of public bins and new locations was awaited and the list would be circulated for consideration of new provision. New litter stickers for the bins were to be put in place as soon as possible.