

Eden District Council

Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee Minutes

Date: 26 April 2018 Venue: Council Chamber, Town Hall, Penrith Time: 6.45 pm

Present:

Chairman:	Councillor I Chambers	
Vice Chairman:	Councillor J G Thompson	
Councillors:	K Greenwood	M Rudhall
	S Jackson	L Sharp
	T C Ladhams	M Temple
Standing Deputies:	Councillor R Sealby	
Officers Present:	Jane Langston, Deputy Director Technical Services	
Others Present:	Councillor Adrian Todd, Services Portfolio Holder	
Democratic Services Officer:	Vivien Little and Claire Watters	

EEc/38/04/18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Armstrong, Councillor Sealby attended as substitute.

EEc/39/04/18 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes EEc/28/02/18 to EEc/37/02/18 of the meeting of this Committee held on 8 February 2018 be recorded as a correct record of those proceedings.

EEc/40/04/18 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

EEc/41/04/18 Portfolio Holder Update

The Committee received a verbal update from the Services Portfolio Holder, on the progress against actions outlined in their portfolio plan.

Councillor Todd updated Members on the following points:

- The Services Portfolio Holder report a delay with the project with WRAP. There was supposed to be a draft report by the end of December, which had been received two weeks ago. The report would not be finalised by June, and the final report due most likely in October. The Committee would continue to be updated on the project.

- Devolution to Town and Parish Councils was an ongoing project. The footway lighting agreement had finally been agreed in principle with CALC and NALC. Concern was raised of the resources available for this. The transfer of public toilets was also raised as an issue as there was a possibility that Parish Councils may not be able to afford the costs, but the Services Portfolio Holder pointed out that because parishes wouldn't have to pay the centralised costs that Eden District Council does to Amey, cleaning costs may end up cheaper.
- There were a number of communities over the last year, 26 in total, who had undertaken community litter picking. Eden District Council was encouraging recycling wherever possible, given the awareness that government targets were going to much higher in the future, which could be problematic for an area as geographically diverse as Eden.
- Concern was also raised over the increase in fly-tipping, especially at bring sites in villages. A query was raised as to whether it was possible to install CCTV cameras at bring sites, something that the Services Portfolio Holder confirmed that he would investigate.
- Appleby Fair was discussed, and the impact not only on Appleby, where it was felt that the clean up operation was working well, but also in the surrounding villages and towns, such as Kirkby Stephen, Melmerby and Alston. Policing at those sites was outside of Eden District Council's remit, but that Scrutiny could look at the impact on those towns in a future review.

RESOLVED to note the update.

The Chairman thanked the Services Portfolio Holder and the Deputy Director Technical Services for their update.

The Services Portfolio Holder and the Deputy Director Technical Services left the meeting at 7.20pm.

EEc/42/04/18 Scrutiny Co-ordinating Board Update

The Committee received a verbal update from the Chairman of the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

EEc/43/04/18 Environment & Economy Committee Work Plan

Members consider report G45/18 from the Chairman of the Environment and Economy Committee which set out the current and possible future work plan items for the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee. The report invited suggestions for possible agenda items from all non-Executive Members.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

EEc/44/04/18 Any Other Items which the Chairman decides are urgent

The Chairman updated members on progress that had been made with the Penrith Masterplan and discussions with stakeholders. Consultations would be ongoing for some time, and the Chairman would continue to update Members.

EEc/45/04/18 Date of the Next Scheduled Meeting

The date of the next scheduled meeting would be confirmed at Annual Council on 10 May 2018 as 21 June 2018.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm

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