

## **MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE, WEDNESDAY, 29 JANUARY 2025**

**PRESENT:** Councillor A Roberts, Chairman, Councillors, A B Gregory, E Gregory, R Griffiths, M Robinson, J Shallcross, K Shallcross and T Brown, Clerk.

Councillor P Brett Roberts was also in attendance (*not a members of the Committee*)

### **38. APOLOGIES**

apologies were received from Councillor R Lloyd.

### **39. CODE OF CONDUCT**

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

### **40. MINUTES**

#### **RESOLVED: That**

the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2024 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **41. SALTNEY TOWN ACTION PLAN**

This was now a standard item on each agenda going forward to enable Members to feed back their thoughts about the process of producing an action plan for Saltney.

It was agreed to start a fresh with the action plan and look at what was realistically possible for the Town Council to achieve to help benefit the local community.

It was agreed to change the format of the plan into a working programme the same as the Programme for the Riverside Walk which would eventually develop a working plan going forward.

As part of the programme going forward it was agreed to review all of the Town Councils CCTV cameras around the township. It was noted that the cameras were working the difficulty was accessing the data.

It was reported that the laptop for the CCTV cameras was at least ten years old, the software is at end of life and not fit for purpose.

#### **RESOLVED: That**

the Environmental and Regeneration Committee continue to work on the Saltney Town Action Plan and report periodically to Council.

### **42. ENVIRONMENT (WALES) ACT 2016 PART 1 – SECTION 6 THE BIODIVERSITY AND RESILIENCE OF ECOSYSTEMS DUTY REPORT - 2025**

Members were asked to consider the Biodiversity report and make any comments with a view to publishing later in the year.

Members agreed that more wildflowers were needed along the Riverside Walk. Fruit trees be planted on the Rec, Park Avenue, Bradshaw Avenue and the football ground, Sandy Lane.

School Governors could suggest to the schools that trees/fruit trees were planted on school fields.

It was noted that the Town Council needed to publish its Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1 – Section 6 The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report by December 2025.

**RESOLVED: That**

the report be noted with a view to its publication in December 2025.

**43. BEECHWOOD ROAD GARDEN**

Members considered the latest position with regards to the Beechwood Road community garden.

It was reported that the community group did not want the overall responsibility of the gardens. It was agreed that further information be requested from Flintshire County Council on the latest position.

**RESOLVED: That**

the update be noted.

**44. WORK PROGRAMME – RIVERSIDE WALK 2025-26**

Members were asked to consider and make comments on the work programme for the Riverside Walk for 2025-26.

The Town Council would continue to work in partnership with the Coastal Ranger, Flintshire County Council to improve and regenerate the Saltney Riverside Walk.

Members agreed that the Riverside Walk was particularly important to the local community and their health and wellbeing.

The proposed work programme detailed work phases throughout 2025-26. Any additional funding required would need Council approval and would need to come from Council reserves.

**RESOLVED: That**

Environmental and Regeneration Committee make necessary recommendations to Council be on the work programme for 2025-26 as and when necessary.

Chairman .....

Date.....