

34. POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

Inspector Andy Winter gave an update on the work of the local policing team over the past few months. In conjunction with the Council's Taxi Licensing team the Police had carried out tests on taxis to ensure they were roadworthy. This operation had resulted in 10 vehicles being removed from the road due to them not being legally road worthy. An additional operation regarding anti-social driving had resulted in 6 vehicles being seized.

The Police had also worked with Trading Standards regarding the illegal sale of tobacco goods. Five drugs warrants had also been executed in the Nelson area, all drugs had been recovered and arrests made.

It was reported that this year's Blues Festival had again been a great success.

The Committee were advised that bogus builders had been operating in the Borough and there had been three known incidents in the Nelson area. The elderly, vulnerable and those suffering from Alzheimer's had been targeted and as a result, in some cases, there had been an inability to provide evidence. However, three people had been targeted with two people now in prison. Their licenses had been revoked and the Committee were advised that these people would be committing a criminal offence if they tried to carry out any building work again.

It was reported that there continued to be a problem with fireworks being set off. The Police continued to work with the community on this issue and if they suspected fireworks were to be set off, particularly at a wedding, they would go and visit the organisers and remind them that it was against the law to set off fireworks between 11.00 p.m. and 7.00 a.m. Social media was also being used to raise awareness of this problem.

Reference was also made to a number of burglaries of high performance cars and although not a particular problem in the Nelson area it had become a trend in the Colne and West Craven areas. Work was continuing to address this issue.

35. PLANNING APPEALS

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported that there were no new or outstanding appeals.

36. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement Action

The Head of Legal Services submitted, for information, a report on outstanding enforcement cases in Nelson.

37. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19

The Neighbourhood Services Manager reported that the current balance for the Committee's 2018/19 Capital Programme was £21,438.

Two bids were submitted for consideration:

- (a) Town Centre Street Furniture Enhancements £5,000

- (b) Enhancement of Town Centre Canopies £5,000

RESOLVED

- (1) That the bids be noted.
- (2) That a meeting be convened with representatives from Nelson Town Team, Nelson Town Council and Nelson Committee to discuss the two bids for enhancement of town centre street furniture and canopies and to identify funding for such requirements.

REASON

To allocate the Committee's Capital Programme effectively.

38. TRAFFIC LIAISON MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the County's Traffic Liaison meeting held on 9th August, 2018 were submitted for information.

39. FUTURE PROVISION OF GRIT BINS

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report on the future provision of red grit bins in Nelson. The Committee were asked to consider either removing the bins from the public highway or for them to be maintained and re-filled. An allocation of £2,092 had been made from the Committee's Capital Programme for 2017/18 to provide grit bins in each ward. At the end of that financial year £475 was still available. It was noted that the Committee had de-allocated this funding at its meeting on 4th June.

The Committee were advised that it would cost £1,617 to retain the grit bins as located and for them to be replenished throughout the winter. To remove, store and dispose of the grit bins would cost £1,000.

The Committee were reminded that this was revenue and therefore the Committee's Capital Programme could not be used for this purpose.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Policy and Resources Committee be recommended to approve a supplementary estimate of £1,617 to retain the grit bins as located and replenish them throughout the winter.

REASON

In the interests of pedestrian and highway safety.

40. LAND AT WICKWORTH STREET, NELSON

The Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager submitted a report on the proposed disposal of land at Wickworth Street, Nelson.

The land was currently let by the Council on a garden tenancy adjacent to 50 Wickworth Street, Nelson. The land had been identified as a potential residential development site which could accommodate one detached or two semi-detached houses.

It was proposed that the tenancy be terminated and the land marketed as a Self-Build site.

RECOMMENDATION

- (1) That the Policy and Resources Committee be recommended to approve land adjacent to 50 Wickworth Street, Nelson (edged black on the plan attached to the report) surplus to requirements.
- (2) That the loss of open space be advertised to facilitate the disposal.
- (3) That the land be marketed for disposal under the Council's Self-Build Scheme.

REASONS

- (1) ***In order that the land could be disposed of.***
- (2) ***To comply with the public open space requirements of Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).***
- (3) ***To dispose of sites that could support the Council's growth objectives and the Self Build Scheme.***

41. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Bin Collections in Whitefield

It was reported that there was a continuing problem in the Whitefield Ward with the miss collection of waste bins. As a result complaints had been made to Environmental Services but the problem was still continuing.

RESOLVED

That the Environmental Services Manager be made aware of the continuing problem of missed waste bins in the Whitefield Ward and he be asked to address this issue as a matter of urgency.

REASON

In response to complaints from local residents.

(b) Speeding Cars on Every Street, Nelson

It was reported that there was a problem with speeding cars at the Rupert Street/Hargreaves Street end of Every Street in Nelson. The comments from the Traffic Liaison meeting regarding speeding cars on Every Street were acknowledged but it was felt these comments referred to the area around Whitefield Infant and Nursery School.

RESOLVED

That this issue be referred back to the Traffic Liaison Meeting with a request that the introduction of traffic calming measures be considered on Every Street, Nelson around the Rupert Street/Hargreaves Street end of the street.

REASON

In the interests of residential and vehicular safety.

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MISCELLANEOUS MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Nelson Town Team held on 16th July, 2018 were submitted for information.

Chairman _____