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**Minutes of a meeting of the Towns Improvements Committee held  
on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 in the Council Chamber, The Old  
Courthouse, Jaycroft Road, Burnham-on-Sea at 7 pm**

**Present:** Councillors J. Warren (Chair), P. Clayton, M. Facey, C. Searing, B. Vickers, P. Wynn

**In attendance:** K. Noble, Town Clerk, E. Dutton, Deputy Town Clerk and 3 members of the public.

**Public Participation:**

A member of the public suggested that the Town Council could consider taking assets and land back from Somerset Council.

**79.0.I23 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Gudka.

**80.0.I23 To receive any declarations of interest on items included on this agenda**

There were no declarations of interests.

**81.0.I23 To receive and approve the minutes of the Towns Improvements Committee meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Towns Improvements Committee meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023, were presented by the Chair.

**Resolved** that the minutes be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

(a member of the public entered the room at this juncture)

**82.0.I23 Matters arising from previous minutes**

Discussions are still taking place on The Nornen Street Art proposal.

The location for re-siting of the dog bin in St Johns Road has yet to be agreed.

**83.0.I23 To receive the Chairmans report**

The Chairman reported that the fountain at Station Approach has been repaired and now up and running.

The Christmas lights contractor has been busy throughout the towns installing the festive lighting.

Signed by Chair.....

Date.....



The Christmas trees for Burnham and Highbridge have been installed and are ready for the switch on events on in Highbridge on 18<sup>th</sup> November and 25<sup>th</sup> in Burnham.

The Chairman congratulated Dusi Cake, who won best in show at cake International.

The Reeds Arms have won a Platinum plus in the annual loo award 2023.

The Chairman gave congratulations to Hillview Carnival Club who have won best junior cart at Bridgwater, Burnham, Weston and North Petherton.

The Chairman thanked all those involved with the clean up after the carnival.

Large numbers attended the Armistice Day and Remembrance Day ceremonies.

**84.0.I23 To receive report from the Town Rangers**

The Town Rangers report was noted.

**85.0.I23 Estate management update report and to agree any expenditure**

The Estate Management report was noted.

**86.0.I23 To note the most recent committee income and expenditure report**

No queries were raised and the report was noted

**87.0.I23 To note the most recent footfall and vacancy reports**

A query was raised if data from other local towns could be provided. The data is only available if provided by the towns.

The footfall and vacancies report was noted.

**88.0.I23 To consider Councillor Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) report**

**Resolved** Councillors Clayton, Wynn and Warren will be DBS checked.

**89.0.I23 To consider the grass cutting at Southwell Gardens**

**Resolved** that the Council continues the grass cutting at Southwell Gardens at a charge of £500.00.

**90.0.I23 To consider the draft committee budget for 2024-2025**

A discussion took place and Councillors were given the opportunity to raise questions, which were answered.

The Committee agreed to take the Seawall Art decision to Council, before the Committee approve the budget.

**91.0.I23 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting is the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 at 7pm.