



Morecambe Town Council

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To: **Members of Morecambe Town Council Environment Committee - Cllrs Joanne Ainscough (Chairman), Clark Kent, Geoff Knight, Dan Blacow, Jacki Rogerson, Claire Cozler, David Whitaker, Paul Hart, Jim Pilling, and Trish Clarke.**

Dear Councillor,

Dated this third day of April 2024, you are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Morecambe Town Council's Environment Committee to be held at 18:00 on the ninth day of April 2024.

The meeting will be held in Morecambe Town Hall, Marine Road East, Morecambe, LA4 5AF to transact business on the agenda.

Note to Councillors:

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please notify the Proper Officer of your apologies.

Note to Public:

Electors of the town wishing to address the Council are advised to notify the Proper Officer before 10am on the day of the meeting. Permission to speak at the meeting will be at the discretion of the Chairman. Public participation session at a meeting shall not require response or debate and shall solely consist of matters relating to items on the agenda. If the representation made is considered outside the remit of Morecambe Town Council, electors will be referred to the principal authority or other appropriate body.

Your sincerely,

Mr Luke Trevaskis, CiLCA, PSLCC.
Chief Executive

Agenda

1. **Apologies** - to receive apologies for absence.
2. **Declarations of Interests** - to note declarations of members' interests.

3. **Minutes** - to consider the minutes of the last meeting.
4. **Vice Chairman** - to duly elect a Vice Chairman.
5. **Public Participation** - to adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion.
6. **Noticeboards** - to consider the report and agree which style and type of noticeboard the Committee would prefer officers to pursue, with a final report (following confirmation of location approval from LCC) to be presented at a future meeting, alongside total costs for installation.
7. **Community Skip Scheme** -

There has been several reports from residents suggesting they either cannot afford the cost of waste disposal (such as hiring a removal service), OR they do not have access to a vehicle capable of transporting large items, OR they do not have the capability/strength to dispose of unwanted household items due to their age/disability.

Several residents have requested that consideration be given to an annual 'community skip weekend' in each ward, where the Town Rangers can work with ward members to provide a convenient and organised way for residents to dispose of bulky waste that may otherwise end up illegally fly tipped.

The community skip weekends could be advertised in advance, and people could drop their household items to an agreed location (limiting the number of items permitted per household). There could also be an opportunity for elderly/disabled residents to book a collection with the Town Rangers at some point during the week, using the Council's van.

It would be hoped the scheme would encourage responsible waste disposal, improve the visual appeal of wards, and enhance community pride. Most community skip schemes encourage residents to sort out their waste, helping to energise communities which have begun to lack the motivation to care for their environment and wellbeing. The exercise would align to the Council's agenda for ensuring there are cleaner and safer streets, engage the community, and ensure we are also helping to reach those most in need of support.

The cost for each 16-yard enclosed/lockable skip would be £345.83 and the Committee is asked to consider whether it wishes to pilot such a scheme in select wards in the first instance (Bare, Torrisholme, Westgate, Poulton and Harbour).

8. **Foamstream** - to note a demonstration of Foamstream has been arranged to be undertaken on Ellesmere Road in the coming weeks.
9. **Land Parcels** - at its meeting held on 21.9.23, the Council confirmed it was still keen to pursue transforming small parcels of land for local communities, and it resolved to focus on two areas of land in the first instance (Maylands Square and Mardale Avenue), undertaking additional community consultation to develop a more detailed proposal and management plan to submit to Lancaster City Council. As such, the Committee is asked to consider the drafted survey.
10. **Allotments** - to note that the site visit was undertaken on 15.3.24. The Association has secured a new disabled toilet, and access to the compostable unit has been restricted (with plans in place for its removal). The Association has indicated difficulties in managing its paperwork, and officers have agreed to provide additional support. The district-wide appraisal being undertaken by LESS has not yet concluded, and it is understood this will play a key role in the future design and operation of allotment sites in the area. As such, officers will continue to liaise with the consultants to secure a further update for members at the next meeting. It is likely, following the results of the appraisal, that the Committee should consider undertaking a survey of all plot holders, and local residents, to see how the site could be improved in the future, and how the Council can work to improve its ongoing working relationship with the Association. Members should also note there are opportunities to secure funding for allotment sites, and officers will explore how these could help to address the current issues experienced on the site.