

**WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**A MEETING OF THE PARKS, OPEN SPACES AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE**  
**WAS HELD ON THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025 AT 6.00PM**

**PRESENT** Councillors Speksnyder, Hodson, Jackson, Crouch and Scott.

**POA/100/2025 ELECT CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Hodson proposed Cllr Speksnyder, Cllr Scott seconded.

**UNANIMOUSLY** agreed

**POA/101/2025 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & RECORD REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

None

**POA/102/2025 TO APPROVE PREVIOUS MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

To approve the minutes of the Parks, Open Spaces and Allotment minutes from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 – **AGREED.**

**POA/103/2025 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS**

None

**POA/104/2025 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

None

**POA/105/2025 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**POA/106/2025 TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The amendment to the Terms of Reference to include the election of a Vice-Chair was **UNANIMOUSLY** agreed.

**POA/107/2025 ALLOTMENTS**

The Assistant Clerk provided an update on plots 51 and 56, noting that a new tenant has taken over the plots.

Cllr Scott proposed that the allotment be offered free of charge until February 2027, Cllr Crouch seconded.

**UNANIMOUSLY** agreed.

Cllr Hodson then proposed that the two plots be treated as a single plot and that the charge reflects this. This was seconded by Cllr Speksnyder.

**UNANIMOUSLY** agreed.

**POA/108/2025 PLANS**

It was suggested to hold an Allotment Open Day for the public, possibly to coincide with the presentation of allotment awards. Allotment holders could be invited to contribute produce or displays to create a small community event. Proposed dates include September 2026 or 2027.

A suggestion was made to install outdoor gym equipment in Throstle Park, similar to that in Silloth. The Assistant Clerk will investigate costs.

Committee members discussed conducting a walk-around inspection of the town's play parks to identify any equipment in need of repair or replacement.

The future maintenance of Cllr Hamblin's flowerbed was raised. A plan is needed to ensure its ongoing upkeep.

Concerns were raised that only half of the daffodils on the roadside off the A596 planted have flowered. Replanting was suggested, along with planting daffodils at all town entrances. The addition of snowdrops was also proposed.

The idea of planting wildflowers on green spaces around Wigton (Council-owned land only) was discussed. The Assistant Clerk will obtain a map to clarify which areas the Council is responsible for regarding grass and green space maintenance.

It was suggested to use perennial plants in the town planters instead of annuals, as they return each year and could offer cost savings over time.

Cllr Speksnyder raised the possibility of the Council declaring a climate emergency. It was agreed that this should be researched and discussed further at Full Council.

A suggestion was made to name the cycle path through Throstle Park and Phoenix Park "Binky's Way" in recognition of his efforts in securing the land. It was noted that Binky already has a memorial. It was agreed to consider naming other unnamed paths at the next meeting, with members to bring forward ideas.

**Meeting closed 7:16pm**

**Date of next meeting: 15<sup>th</sup> July and 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025**