



**MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting) OF A MEETING OF THE REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE**

**Present:**

**Councillors:** Tim Jackson (Convenor)  
Gwen Atkinson (Deputy Convenor)  
Neil Gibbs (Deputy Chair of Council/Deputy Mayor)  
Carol Kambites  
David Thorpe

**Committee Clerk:** Rachel Russell

**Also present:** Two residents

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**K2/756 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr. Watt.

**K2/757 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**K2/758 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**

The minutes of 4th February 2018 were approved as a true record. Proposed by Cllr. Kambites, seconded by Cllr. Gibbs. All in favour.

**K2/759 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Two residents, both members of the Ship Inn Project Stonehouse group (SHIPS) reported back from the SHIPS AGM held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

Good attendance at AGM; many joined as new members.

SHIPS thanked Stonehouse Town Council for allowing them to distribute survey with Stonehouse News. 9% response with respondents asking for the site to be multi use for uses such as eating/drinking venue, boating/barge facilities, wildlife conservation, cycle hire.

SHIPS to investigate feasibility of proposed uses.

Residents asked if Stonehouse Town Council could make statement on its position in relation to SHIPS.

SHIPS have met with Stroud District Council Asset Manager; she gave them a deadline of end of April to prepare feasibility studies. SHIPS want more time. She advised that a strong argument for community use needs to be given for asset transfer.

SHIPS asked if Town Councillors had contacted Wycliffe College re any plans for Boat House.

Cllr. Kambites responded that Cllr. Watt had tried to make contact and that it would be acceptable for SHIPS to also make approaches. Cllr. Kambites advised that becoming incorporated would increase funding opportunities for SHIPS.

**K2/761 SHIP INN SITE**

To receive a report on meeting with Stroud District Council (SDC) of 11 February, agree further action including a recommendation to full Town Council.

Cllr. Jackson moved K2/761 forward in the order of business.

Notes on information and action points from the meeting with SDC of 11 February regarding the Ship Inn site were received and noted. After some discussion, the following proposal for recommendation to full Town Council was agreed.

**Proposal for recommendation to full Town Council: That Stonehouse Town Council:**

- a) **Considers the feasibility of amending the Stonehouse Neighbourhood Plan with regard to the Ship Inn site.**
- b) **Considers the feasibility of funding or part funding a viability and options appraisal study for proposals for the Ship Inn site.**
- c) **Agrees to work with SHIPS towards the improvement of the Ship Inn site**
- d) **Nominates a Town Councillor to join the SHIPS committee.**

**Proposed Cllr. Jackson, seconded Cllr. Kambites. All in favour.**

The two residents left the meeting.

Cllr. Gibbs advised the Ship Inn site would be an item for discussion at an informal liaison meeting of Town and District Councillors, 6pm, 13<sup>th</sup> March.

### **K2/760 HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

1. To note proposed Traffic Working Group agenda for meeting with Gloucestershire County Council Local Highways Manager and consider any additional items.

Cllr. Kambites and Atkinson reported that they had attended the Traffic Working Group meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> March. Safety improvements to shared space area due to be designed shortly. Town signs to be kept but In Bloom banner added. Speed report from Spa Cottages, Oldends Lane not likely to lead to additional safety measures in the near future but record of traffic flow will be useful given level of development in this area.

2. To note correspondence received from British Weights and Measures Association regarding pedestrian distance signs.

A letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> February from British Weights and Measures Association was noted.

### **K2/762 BRISTOL ROAD STATION**

To receive a report on progress towards re-opening Bristol Road Station.

No date for a walk around Stonehouse with Stroud District Council's new Chief Executive Officer has been received.

### **K2/763 BINS AND WASTE DISPOSAL**

1. To consider a request received from SDC's Dog Warden for a bin at Foxes Field  
The Committee Clerk reported that a further request for a bin for dog waste had been received from a resident of Boakes Drive. A possible source of funding for additional bins was from Community Infrastructure Levy payments received which total £587 to date. However, the Town Council has not previously provided bins off its own land.

**Committee recommended that Stroud District Council are asked for a map of bins they currently provide so Town Council can consider needs across the town.**

2. To consider further action in relation to bins removed from outside Junior School and Scout Hut

The Committee Clerk advised that the bin outside the schools had been replaced with a re-used bin. The Committee required no further action to be taken regarding the bin removed from outside the Scout Hut, Oldends Lane.

3. To consider further action in relation to littering on industrial estate

Cllr. Gibbs reported that his meeting with a District Council officer on the industrial estate had gone well. Since the visit, the burger van owner had been making efforts to tidy area around the van. District Council will follow up littering problems associated with lorries parking overnight on Delphi premises.

## **K2/764 SDC COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS CONSULTATION**

<https://www.stroud.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/elections/community-governance-review>

To agree a recommendation to full Town Council for a response to the consultation.

### **Proposed Recommendation to full Town Council:**

Stonehouse Town Council object to the loss of the Ebley Ward as historically this has long been part of Stonehouse, it will result in the loss of one of the few areas of green space within the town boundaries.

Stonehouse Town Council repeats its request that Great Oldbury becomes part of Stonehouse parish. It is noted that the Governance Draft Recommendations state that “it was felt that the community of Great Oldbury, when established may feel disconnected to Stonehouse because it is on the other side of an industrial estate which limits direct the access to the Town” (p.27). This is on contrast with Stroud District Council’s Local Plan which states that “Land west of Stonehouse is identified as a sustainable urban extension to Stonehouse” (para. 3.20, p.58). Being within the Stonehouse town boundary may assist in residents of Great Oldbury feeling part of a sustainable urban extension rather than “disconnected.”

For clarity it is requested that a map is provided to show the amendment to the boundary between Stonehouse and Standish.

Proposed for recommendation by Cllr. Jackson, seconded Cllr. Kambites. All in favour.

## **K2/765 SDC INVITATION TO APPLY FOR £2,000 ONE OFF TOURIST INFORMATION GRANT**

To agree further action regarding a grant application.

Committee proposed that a grant application is made to develop the tourism aspect of the planned new Town Council website, working with neighbouring parishes and to investigate the possibility of developing a local tourism app.

## **K2/766 FUTURE HIGH STREET FUND**

To receive report on events attended on Future High Street Fund and consider any further action.

Cllr. Kambites and Cllr. Gibbs had attended a Gloucestershire Market Towns Forum event where this fund was mentioned but little firm information is currently available.

## **K2/767 INFORMATION RECEIVED REGARDING PLANNING APPLICATION FOR LAND NEXT TO HORSETROUGH ROUNDABOUT**

To note information received regarding possible planning appeal.

The Committee noted the information received from the applicant. They confirmed that they supported the application due to its importance in attracting visitors to the town and contributing to the regeneration of the town centre and the canal. The Committee recommended that the applicants approach Cainscross Parish Council themselves as there was no reason for Stonehouse Town Council to act as an intermediary.

## **K2/768 COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE**

1. To check current balances against budget.

No recent budget information was available.

2. To agree any payments due to date.

There were no payment to agree.

## **K2/769 PLANNING RESULTS (RECEIVED FROM STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL)**

To receive report on Planning Results received from Stroud District Council 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 to 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

The report was noted.

## **K2/770 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

29<sup>th</sup> April 2019 - Environment Committee