



MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting) OF A MEETING OF THE REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 21 JUNE 2018 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE

Present:

Councillors: Gwen Atkinson
Neil Gibbs (Deputy Chair of Council/Deputy Mayor)
Tim Jackson (Convenor)
David Thorpe
Theresa Watt (Chair/Mayor)

Committee Clerk: Rachel Russell

Also present: Cllrs. John Callinan (for part of meeting).

Attendees are reminded that the Proceedings of this meeting may be filmed, photographed or recorded.

K2/660 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Kambites.

K2/661 TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE CONVENOR

Cllr. Jackson was proposed as Convenor by Cllr. Watt, seconded by Cllr. Atkinson. All in favour.

K2/662 TO APPOINT A DEPUTY COMMITTEE CONVENOR

Cllr. Atkinson was proposed as Deputy Convenor by Cllr. Jackson, seconded by Cllr. Watt. All in favour.

K2/663 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

K2/664 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12 MARCH 2018

The minutes of the 12 March were approved as a true record. Proposed by Cllr. Watt, seconded by Cllr. Jackson. All in favour.

The Committee Clerk advised that the last two scheduled Committee meetings of 30th April and 11th June had been inquorate leading to delays in dealing with council business and extra time and cost to arrange an additional committee meeting. She suggested that Councillors inform the Town Clerk as far in advance as possible if they are unable to attend a meeting.

K2/665 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr Callinan advised he was interested in many of the agenda items but had no access to supporting information. The Committee Clerk advised that supporting papers were circulated electronically to all Councillors and paper copies were available on request.

K2/666 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

1. To receive notes of Traffic Working Group meeting with Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) Highways of 26 April 2018.

The notes were received. Cllr. Callinan advised that he understood the figure committed by GCC Highways to High Street works was £120,000, not £100,000 as stated in para. 2 of the notes.

2. Recommendation from Traffic Working Group for consideration:

Proposed by Cllr. Watt and seconded by Cllr. Thorpe that the Committee recommend that the programme for work to reinstate the Shared Space after the cable works and to improve road safety on the High Street would be design and consultation in 2018 and installation in June 2019. All in favour. For Resolution by Town Council.

3. To receive notes of a signage audit carried out with GCC Highways Local Manager and consider recommendations made.

Traffic Working Group to make recommendations for action.

4. To consider request from GCC Highways, that should a bus shelter be installed at Downton Road, the ownership and maintenance is taken on by Stonehouse Town Council.

Proposed by Cllr. Watt and seconded by Cllr. Atkinson that the Committee recommend that Stonehouse Town Council take on ownership and maintenance of an additional bus shelter to be installed by GCC Highways at Downton Road. All in favour. For Resolution by Town Council.

5. To note information received from Head of Park Infant School regarding action taken in relation to parking on Elm Road.

Information received and suggestion that information on parking is included in Stonehouse News was noted.

6. To note information received about footpath closures and rail crossing extinguishment order from GCC Highways

Information received on the extinguishment of a section of MST 26 (crossing over railway line East of station) and the temporary closure of Public Bridleway MST 4 (off Brunel Way) was noted.

K2/667 COMMISSIONERS FUND GRANT APPLICATION

To receive report on meeting with Gloucestershire Constabulary's Road Safety and Traffic Management Officer of 3rd April 2018 and consider recommendation to withdraw request for grant towards a portable radar counter after advice received during this meeting.

The report was noted and, after some debate, the recommendation accepted that the Commissioner's Fund are advised that the grant money offered to Stonehouse Town Council should be spent on an additional centrally held radar counter.

The Traffic Working Group are asked to consider borrowing hand held speed counter guns and finding volunteers to use, including children.

K2/668 QUEENS ROAD CAR PARK FOOTPATH

To consider quote received for remedial work to footpath after Network Rail works to embankment, offer of reimbursement of cost by GCC Highways and agree further action.

It had been confirmed by GCC Highways that they would pay for the work.

A quote received for £460 to resurface the footpath was proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Watt, seconded by Cllr. Jackson. All in favour.

K2/669 ENTRANCE TO NEWTOWN FROM A419

To consider proposals from a resident to improve the appearance of the entrance to Newtown and agree further action.

Resident to be advised that: residents of Newtown may wish to contribute to Stonehouse in Bloom, perhaps by maintaining some planters, bearing in mind that the entrance to Newtown is likely to be by GCC Highways land and permission might be needed to place any planters; and to contact County Councillor Lesley Williams.

K2/670 STONEHOUSE STATION

1. **Platform Extension Works:** To note response from Network Rail regarding fencing arrangements for reconfigured station in order to avoid void spaces and agree further action.

With assistance from MP's Case Worker, a meeting had been set up with Network Rail's Project Manager on 21st June attended by four Councillors and the Committee Clerk. Network Rail to respond to the concerns re difficult to maintain areas within the next month.

2. To note response from Stroud District Council (SDC) regarding a request for long stay parking in town centre car park.

SDC had agreed to take forward a request for some long stay parking in the car park. The Committee Clerk reported that this proposal had been included in SDC car park review currently out to consultation from 16th June - 29th July 2018.

K2/671 NETWORK RAIL FOOTBRIDGE, OLDENDS LANE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

To report response from Network Rail regarding maintenance and improvement request.

Network Rail have no plans to upgrade this bridge but will ask maintenance team to clear weeds etc. Advised that s.106 funding, if available, may contribute to the cost of any improvements.

K2/672 BRISTOL ROAD STATION

To receive notes of a stakeholder meeting 24th May 2018 and a report on progress towards re-opening Bristol Road Station.

The importance of imparting message that a new station at Bristol Road would benefit the whole Stroud area, not just Stonehouse, was noted. Cllr. Jackson asked that Bristol Road Station is kept as a regular agenda item so the Committee can follow progress made. Cllr. Watt to contact GCC and SDC regarding joining the Bristol to Birmingham Task Force; RR to contact GFirst LEP re the timetable for their revised strategies.

K2/673 LONG TERM PLAN BY RAIL COMPANIES FOR ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

To note launch of "In Partnership For Britain's prosperity - The West of England" by railway companies working in West of England.

The launch was noted.

K2/674 TOURISM WORKING GROUP

1. To receive notes of a meeting of 15 March 2018 with Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust (GWT) re their Wild Towns bid for European funding.
2. To note content of Strategic Partner Contract between GWT and Stonehouse Town Council regarding the Town Council's contribution of £8,623 funding for canal side works as part of a European funded Wild Towns project.
3. To receive notes of a meeting of 11th May 2018 with Stroud District Council regarding Wharfdale Way sites.
4. To note current revised version of Design Brief for Wharfdale canal side sites.

The contents of the above four documents were noted. The Committee Clerk advised the next stage for Whardale Way sites would be to carry out public consultation once information has been received from SDC.

K2/675 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL (SDC) CONSULTATION ON LOCAL PLAN REVIEW: SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL SCOPING REPORT APRIL 2018

To receive report with draft response to above and agree response.

The draft response in the Committee Clerk's report was agreed as the response to the above consultation. Proposed by Cllr. Watt, seconded by Cllr. Gibbs. All in favour.

K2/676 SDC PARISH GUIDE TO COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

To note information received from SDC.

The information was noted.

K2/677 CONSERVATION AREA DESIGNATION CRITERIA

To note response from Stroud District Council.

It was agreed to request that Conservation Area Designation for Stonehouse town centre be considered by SDC when a conservation area review programme is carried out.

K2/678 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING RENEWAL POLICY 2018-23 DRAFT FOR CONSULTATION

To consider response to consultation.

It was agreed to respond as follows: Stonehouse Town Council supports the draft Private Sector Housing Renewal Policy 2018 -2023 and thanks Stroud District Council for its work in this area.

K2/679 GCC CONSULTATION ON GLOUCESTERSHIRE MINERALS LOCAL PLAN

To consider response to consultation.

It was agreed there was no need to provide a response to this consultation.

K2/680 STONEHOUSE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN MONITORING AND REVIEW

To receive report.

A monitoring report will be provided to the Committee's next meeting. The Committee Clerk advised she had been to training on monitoring and review of Neighbourhood Plans; the Stonehouse Neighbourhood Plan could be reviewed in line with the SDC Local Plan Review programme and consideration given to including a site allocation for an enabling development at Oldends Lane.

K2/681 SUBSCRIPTION TO PARISH ONLINE MAPPING

To note Stonehouse Town Council now have a subscription to Parish Online and to consider Committee's mapping requirements.

The availability of Parish Online was noted. It was suggested it could be used to map Town Council land and assets and to show extent of new housing developments.

K2/682 SDC CONSULTATION ON STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES UNDER THE GAMBLING ACT 2005

To agree response.

It was agreed there was no need to provide a response to this consultation.

K2/683 PROPOSAL FOR STONEHOUSE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

To note information received regarding this proposal.

The information received was noted. Those working on the proposal can be advised that they may be able to apply for a Town Council grant. Cllr. Callinan left the meeting.

K2/684 COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE

1. To check current balances against budget.

Current expenditure of £2,571 from the Committee's budget was agreed.

2. To agree any payments due to date.

There were no payments to agree.

3. To note receipt of Neighbourhood Portion of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) from SDC of £106.80 for the period 01/04/2017 - 31/03/2018.

The receipt of £106.80 was noted.

4. To consider a proposal to spend the CIL Neighbourhood Portion received on the signage scheme developed by the Tourism Working Group.

Cllr. Watt proposed and Cllr Jackson seconded that the £106.80 CIL could be spent on the signage scheme should this go forward. All in favour.

K2/685 PLANNING RESULTS (RECEIVED FROM STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL)

To receive reports on Planning Results received from Stroud District Council 5th March 2018-23rd April 2018 and 24th April to 4th June 2018 The reports were noted.

Cllr. Thorpe advised that the British Legion Great Pilgrimage to Menin Gate takes place in August. The Committee Clerk reported that, to meet the consultation deadline, she had given a positive response to a survey on improving links between Great Western mainline and Heathrow.

K2/686 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

23 JULY 2018, Agenda Items to include Twinning.