



MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting) OF A MEETING OF THE REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 10th DECEMBER 2018 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
Theresa Watt (Chair of Council/Mayor)

Committee Clerk: Rachel Russell

Also present: County Councillor Lesley Williams

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

K2/731 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

K2/732 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

K2/733 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5th NOVEMBER 2018

The minutes of 5th November were approved as a true record. Proposed by Cllr. Kambites, seconded by Cllr. Thorpe, all in favour.

K2/734 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

K2/735 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

1. To receive a report from the Traffic Working Group meeting with Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) Highways of 23rd November 2018
The report was noted. Committee Clerk to forward to GCC Highways request that design for Shared Space reinstatement includes a more contrasting colour for the road surface, better signage and possible painted sign on road.
County Councillor Williams advised she was in contact with residents of Burdett Close regarding parking issues and suggested that the police were asked to monitor this area.
2. To note terms of reference and minutes received from Stroud District Road Safety group and agree response to a request for information on areas where speed limit needs changing.
The information received was noted.

K2/736 BUS SHELTERS

1. Repair of Ebley Road Shelter
To receive a report on financing repairs and transfer of ownership.
To consider a proposal that Stonehouse Town Council take ownership of the Ebley Road bus shelter after funding repairs estimated at £1790 through GCC's Highways Community Match fund and a Town Council contribution.

Committee Clerk to seek quotes for refurbishment of Ebley Road bus shelter and apply to GCC Highways Community Match Fund on the basis of a Town Council contribution in the form of maintenance and depreciation costs.

2. To consider a request from Standish PC for a contribution towards the cost of installation of bus shelter at Horsemarling roundabout.

Councillors considered this request and a report prepared by the Committee Clerk and circulated with the agenda.

It was agreed that Stonehouse Town Council will not consider making a contribution to the cost of this shelter until Standish PC have ascertained whether the developer should provide more funding in order to meet planning condition 15 for 16/2388/DISCON. Stonehouse Town Council's preference would be for a modern design for the shelter.

Committee Clerk to research if any CIL/S.106 due from development of land at Gloucester Road for housing.

K2/737 BRISTOL ROAD STATION

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

Cllr. Watt advised that Rail Futures, an organisation which has campaigned successfully for re-opening of stations have been contacted by a Stonehouse resident and want to campaign for a station at Bristol Road and hold a meeting in Stonehouse next year. Committee Clerk to contact Rail Futures offering them the use of the Town Hall for a meeting and help with publicity. Committee Clerk advised that a resident had contacted the Town Council to ask if there was a petition for opening a station in Stonehouse on Bristol to Birmingham line. It was agreed that Rail Futures may be able to advise on the timing of any petition.

K2/738 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS

To agree responses to the following consultations:

1. Stroud District Council Parking Variation Order proposal to abolish car park charges in the town centre car park

The following response was agreed:

Stonehouse Town Council supports the principle of parity in charging policy for the District Council's car parks in smaller towns. It is suggested that the impact of free parking on use of the car park is monitored. It is requested that 72 hour parking is introduced in at least a section of the car park. This is a long standing request from the Town Council which would support rail users and help to reduce parking problems in the area. Provision for payment by credit and debit card, where relevant, and for the use of electric vehicle charging points is welcomed.

2. Stroud District Council Local Plan Review Emerging Strategy Paper

Councillors were invited to forward any comments to the Committee Clerk to collate a draft response for consideration at the next full Town Council meeting.

3. Stroud District Council's draft Statement of Community Involvement

Councillors had no observations on this consultation.

K2/739 SHIP INN SITE

To consider future proposals for the site now planning application 18/0492/FUL has been withdrawn.

Councillors agreed that there was a need for constructive suggestions and partnership working to develop future plans for the Ship Inn site. Options put forward by councillors included:

Single storey housing for elderly

Working with Stroud District Council to provide a community facility, housing and/or small business units.

A site design which is visually appealing and directs people towards the town with clear footpaths.

Future actions to include: asking for a meeting with Ward Councillors, engaging with a community group which has been set up recently, Cllr. Watt to arrange meeting with Wycliffe School Chair of Governors and Head to discuss options for Boat House

K2/740 COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE

1. To check current balances against budget.

2. To agree any payments due to date.

Information on committee expenditure not available.

3. To consider budget items for 2018/19 to include bus shelter maintenance, contribution towards town signs and station signage scheme.

Cllr. Kambites requested that there is a budget item for Bus Shelter Development to build up funds for new and replacement shelters in addition to budgeting for maintenance of existing shelters.

K2/741 PLANNING RESULTS (RECEIVED FROM STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL)

To receive report on Planning Results received from Stroud District Council 30th October 2018-29th November 2018.

The report was noted.

K2/742 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

4th FEBRUARY 2019