



# Stonehouse Town Council

## MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting) OF A MEETING OF THE REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2014 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE

### Present:

Councillors Clare Sheridan (Convenor of Committee)  
Rob Waite (Deputy Convenor of Committee)  
Chris Brine (Chairman of Town Council)  
Simon Lewis (Vice Chairman of Town Council)  
Carol Kambites

Also Present: Trevor Baker, John Callinan (part)  
Liz Lawrence – Deputy Town Clerk  
Chris Scott, Scott Total Security (part)

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### K2/111 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

None received

### K2/112 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no requests for declarations of interest to be recorded.

### K2/113 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014

The Minutes were approved as a correct record.

### K2/114 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Re K2/116 (3) – Trevor Baker expressed his concern regarding a comment relating to the local M.P. promoting a new station to the north of Stonehouse.

It was explained that this information had been brought to the Town Council's attention via a local resident concerned that the M.P. was raising the issue at Parliamentary debate.

Re: K2/116(1) – John Callinan expressed his concern about comments made at the last full Town Council meeting by County Councillor Lesley Williams - that the planned meeting with County Highways was simply to discuss what action will be taken to resolve the problems relating to the contractor's standard of work recently undertaken within the shared space area. He would have hoped that the County Highways will also be strongly challenged about the work and the compensation due to Stonehouse.

Councillor Chris Brine responded that he felt that the Town Council would most definitely be pursuing compensation for the repairs which was certainly not to the specification that had been originally provided by County Highways. It is also intended to establish what alternative materials are being put forward as a replacement for the poorly installed mastertint.

Trevor Baker and John Callinan then left the meeting at this point.

## **K2/115 LORRY WATCH**

There has been no response from the Police Commissioner to date of this agenda.

**Chris Scott (Total Scott Security) was invited to demonstrate equipment that could be used to assist with carrying out traffic flow surveys which could include identifying size of vehicles and direction. There is also the potential that additional software could be installed for footfall surveys, any particular areas of specific local concern or for other issues where detailed information could be beneficial.**

**Initial costs would include purchase of a camera (£500) and setting-up costs (approx.. £2000). Annual maintenance costs would also be incurred.**

**Members welcomed the demonstration and were pleased to note the many advantages the equipment offers. However, Councillor Lewis felt that whilst the collection of information could be extremely beneficial it is vital that the Town Council firstly establish what support is going to be given by the Police and/or County Highways to enforce the weight restrictions on the B4008.**

**Councillor Brine felt that such equipment would provide an opportunity to obtain local data that has otherwise been difficult to ascertain. Footfall surveys would be very beneficial and this in turn could also help to improve business relationships.**

**Members thanked CS for attending the meeting and he then left. Members agreed to defer any further discussions on this matter until the planned meeting with the Police & Crime Commissioner had taken place.**

## **K2/116 TRANSPORT MATTERS**

**1. High Street Repairs – awaiting a meeting with Glos County Highways  
Refer to K2/114 above.**

**2. Bus Shelters – awaiting response of Glos County Council.  
Having been circulated with a copy of the response recently received from GCC Members noted the comments regarding budget restrictions which will only fund the painting of the three shelters in questions.**

**The Town Council could consider a financial contributions to part fund the purchase and installation of new shelters. However, Members also felt that County Councillor Lesley Williams should be invited to a Committee meeting to discuss in more detail her County Council funding allocation and explain how this is dispersed. It would be helpful to establish whether Councillor Williams would have any funding available to contribute towards replacement shelters.**

**It was agreed that prior to attending a Regeneration & Environment Committee meeting Councillor Lesley Williams should be given advance notice of the information the Town Council is seeking so that she can provide informed answers**

**3. Rail Stations Update - Response from First Great Western indicates review of station facilities. GLTB bid for Bristol Road station has failed meanwhile MP has been promoting a new station to the North of Stonehouse.**

**Continued -**

**K2/116** (continued)

Having been circulated with the response received from First Great Western Members agreed that the Town Clerk should write to request details of the meeting that was scheduled to take place between FGW and Network Rail. It was also agreed that a representative from FGW should be invited to a meeting so that a more positive course of action can be discussed.

**K2/117 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP**

Latest Minutes for Information Only

Cllr Clare Sheridan reported that a meeting of the Group had been held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2014. This included finalising the information boards for the event on 10<sup>th</sup> May. It is also hoped to have a board from the Recreation Working Group setting out initial thoughts for Oldend Lane Playing Field area.

Flyers promoting the event are being distributed throughout the town.

**K2/118 PLANNING RESULTS**

(For Members' information – the letter in brackets are an indication of the Town Council observations. N.O. = No Observations / OBJ = Object / SUPP = Support / DNO or Supp = Do Not Object or Support)

14/0506/COU      20 High Street  
Change of Use from a Bank (Use Class A2) to a sandwich bar/café (Use Class A3)  
**PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED      (N.O. with added comment)**

Councillor Brine stressed the need for all Town Council's observations to be submitted to the District Council to ensure that they are fully informed of the local Council's views.

**K2/119 PLANNING INFORMATION**

Members noted the information circulated by Stroud District Council. This gave details of planning applications that Parish/Town Councils would be consulted on together with a list of certain types of applications that would be determined solely by the District Council without prior consultation.

**K2/120 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2014**

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