



**MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting) OF A MEETING OF THE REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 2 MAY 2017 AT 7PM IN THE TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, STONEHOUSE**

**Present:**

**Councillors:** Carol Kambites (Convenor)  
Tim Jackson (Deputy Convenor)  
Gwen Atkinson  
Ray Clegg  
Pam Swain (Deputy Chair of Council/Deputy Mayor)

**Committee Clerk:** Rachel Russell

**Also present:** Cllrs. Trevor Baker and John Callinan

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

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**K2/459 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Watt.

**K2/460 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**K2/461 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20 MARCH 2017**

The minutes were approved as a true record.

Cllr. Jackson joined the meeting and was asked by the Chair if he had any declarations of interest; he had none to declare.

**K2/462 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Cllrs. Baker and Callinan were asked if they wanted to speak; they preferred to ask questions as agenda items were discussed.

**K2/463 HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

**1. Oldends Lane**

a) To report on progress towards road safety improvements.

The Committee Clerk has informed Dan Tiffney, Local Highways Manager, Gloucestershire County Council (GCC), that the Town Council will give £500 towards the cost of crossing surveys at Oldends Lane. The Committee Clerk will chase Dan Tiffney as to when the survey will be completed.

**2. Gloucestershire County Council(GCC) Parking Review:**

a) To note information received regarding a GCC Parking Review for Stonehouse

The Committee Clerk reported GCC's response to the Town Council's request that a parking review consultation be on the OPTIONS HS proposal supplied by the GCC parking team; GCC have stated that their research and consultation had lead them to conclude that there is no overwhelming parking problem in the town and they have provided an alternative to a parking review by paying for car park signage.

The Committee Clerk responded by asking GCC to provide responses to residents submitting petitions for parking restrictions at Rosedale Avenue and Anderson Drive (forwarded to GCC 19 January 2016) and Burdett Close (forwarded 19 December 2016). She also repeated the

Town Council's request that the area outside Wynn's Café and Co-op Funeral Care be made into a parking bay.

GCC's Parking Manager has responded to a resident regarding the Rosedale Avenue and Anderson Drive petition advising him to contact his county councillor. The Committee Clerk is not aware of any response from GCC to residents of Burdett Close; in addition to her request for a response noted above, she forwarded a request from a resident of Burdett Close for a response to GCC.

b) To note any progress on improving signage to the town centre car park.

The Committee Clerk reported that signage had been installed. She had contacted GCC as the signs closest to the car park are not very visible. It had been agreed that the sign on the post would be moved closer to the kerb but this has not been done and the sign on the Town Green is parallel to the road making it hard for a driver to spot.

### **3. Traffic working group**

To receive a report from Traffic working group.

The last meeting of the Traffic Working Group was on 13 March 2017; Cllr. Watt gave a verbal report of the meeting to the last Regeneration and Environment Committee meeting. Hard copies of the notes of the meeting were provided at this meeting and will be circulated by e-mail.

#### **K2/464 THE COMMISSIONER'S FUND COMMUNITY FUND**

To note the progress of an application made to this Fund.

The Committee Clerk reported that the Town Council's application for a Radar Speed Counter is on hold as funding to parishes and towns offered awards last year is still pending GCC Highways approval. As reported to the last meeting, the Town Council's application for a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) will not be processed as it does not have GCC approval.

The Committee Clerk reported that, at the request of the Traffic Working Group, she had contacted Stroud Town Council regarding their successful application for four (VAS). Stroud's Town Clerk confirmed that the locations of the VAS will be decided in consultation with the community and GCC Highways and provided a copy of GCC's current VAS criteria. The Committee Clerk has contacted Dan Tiffney regarding the differing GCC responses to Stroud and Stonehouse Town Councils' VAS applications but has received no response to date.

Cllr. Baker asked if County Councillor Williams had assisted regarding the application for a VAS; the Committee Clerk confirmed that she had supported the application and Cllr. Atkinson advised that County Cllr. Williams had attended a meeting with Dan Tiffney and Town Councillors at Oldends Lane.

#### **K2/465 PROPOSAL BY WESTERN POWER TO RUN AN ELECTRICITY CABLE THROUGH STONEHOUSE TO JAVELIN PARK INCINERATOR**

To note any further information received and agree further actions needed.

No information regarding a decision on the route has been received. Cllr. Kambites will contact County Cllr. Williams and David Mossman, Chair, UBB Javelin Park Community Liaison Group.

Cllr. Callinan asked if a date for the decision was known; Cllr. Kambites responded that a decision had been expected in March. Cllr. Jackson suggested that the decision would be made by GCC's Cabinet and any recommendations may be available.

#### **K2/466 BRISTOL ROAD STATION FEASIBILITY STUDY**

To receive a report on progress towards a feasibility study.

No information has been received regarding the forthcoming timetabling report.

#### **K2/467 STATION LINK PATH PROJECT**

1. To receive progress report on work to footpaths.

This work has been completed and a cost summary was circulated with the agenda. All of the GWR grant of £6,000 has been spent. A claim for £137.51 of the £3,000 GCC Community Match Funding has been submitted. The estimated costs of the project originally included a sum for

lighting which was not required. The Committee Clerk has requested that Stonehouse Town Council use some of the outstanding GCC funding for improvements to the kissing gate but has had no response to date.

Cllr. Baker advised that the surface of the Globe Inn section of the path was loose and may become uneven. The Committee Clerk advised she had asked Richings to compress this section of path again and would check if this had been done.

2. To receive progress report regarding work to improve accessibility of gate at Queens Road end of path.

The Committee Clerk reported that the Town Council had requested that some of the unspent GCC Community Match Funding from the Station Link Footpath project is carried over to 2017/18 to spend on improvements to the gate but has not had a response yet.

### **K2/468 LIASON RE PLATFORM EXTENSION WORK BURDETT ROAD STATION**

To report on progress.

The Committee Clerk had received no response to an e-mail to GWR expressing the Town Council's concern about the delay in completing the project to provide a new ticket office. Cllrs. reported that the work seemed to be nearing completion.

The Committee Clerk to ask GWR when work to extend the platform is likely to begin.

### **K2/469 BUS SHELTERS**

1. To report on progress of replacement and refurbishment of bus shelters on High Street and Gloucester Road.

Three shelters have been replaced on the High Street and two shelters refurbished on the Gloucester Road.

The old shelter outside Lobby's tackle shop had been removed and a new shelter was about to be installed on Monday 24th April when a Town Councillor noticed the replacement was blue, rather than black. This was a mistake on the part of the supplier. Jonathan Roberts of GCC has contacted the Town Council asking if it would be acceptable to re-paint the new shelter rather than construct another one.

Committee Clerk to check that the re-painted shelter will have the same warranty as the other shelters.

2. To report any response from GCC regarding residents requests for bus shelters in Bridgend and on Ebley Road.

Jonathan Roberts of GCC has advised that any action regarding these shelters would depend on the funding available in 2017/18 but he will visit the sites.

Committee Clerk to report missing panes from Ebley Road, Foxes Field bus shelter.

### **K2/470 CHANGES TO BUS ROUTES**

To report response from Stagecoach regarding residents' complaints about changes to bus services (loss of afternoon service to Meadow Rd (64), alterations to 66E and S to Gloucester).

Stagecoach have responded saying that only smaller buses, used for 64 route, can access Meadow Road and there isn't enough demand to justify a service after 2.30pm. They advised that Quedgley shops can be reached by changing bus at Waterwells P and R or walking from Kingsway playground. As there is good demand on service 66 they have no plans to change the route.

### **K2/471 BT KIOSKS**

To report response to complaint regarding condition of kiosk on Town Green.

BT have agreed to tidy up this kiosk.

### **K2/472 GCC PLANNING WATERCOURSE MAPPING PROJECT**

To receive notes of a meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> March with GCC and SDC on watercourse management and to report actions taken.

Hard copies of the notes of the meeting were provided at this meeting and will be circulated by e-mail. The Communications Working Group will review current signposting information on flood management available on the Town Council's website.

GCC's Flood Risk Management Team have provided hard copies of maps showing the river network, flood risk from rivers and flood risk from surface water.

### **K2/473 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT/INNOVATE UK FUNDING COMPETITION: INNOVATION IN CYCLING AND WALKING**

To consider relevance of this funding competition to Stonehouse Town Council.

The Committee Clerk advised that this fund was probably not relevant to the Town Council currently. Although public sector bodies can be eligible for funding they must be developing a project with the private sector.

### **K2/474 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**

To receive minutes and a progress report.

Minutes of the Stonehouse Neighbourhood Plan Group meeting of 30 March 2017 were circulated with the agenda. Cllr. Kambites reported that the submission draft was currently out to a consultation, ending 17<sup>th</sup> May, organised by Stroud District Council. Stonehouse Neighbourhood Plan Group have agreed an examiner for the Plan with Stroud District Council. Cllr. Kambites gave a presentation on the Neighbourhood Plan to the Annual Town Meeting (24 April 2017).

Cllrs. Baker and Callinan left the meeting.

### **K2/475 COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE**

1. To agree adjusted year end budget balance.

It was agreed that the year end expenditure from the Regeneration and Environment Committee's budget was £10,225.66; current expenditure from grants received was £12,757.43. Total expenditure was agreed to be £22,983.09.

2. To agree any payments due in April.

There were no payments to agree except administration costs.

### **K2/476 PLANNING RESULTS (RECEIVED FROM STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL)**

(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)

**16/1965/DISCON Land West Of Stonehouse, Nastend Lane, Nastend, Stonehouse.**

Discharge of condition 46 of planning permission S.14/0810/OUT.

Land West of Stonehouse Area Masterplan Document: Character Area [H1-H10]: 'Western Severn Vale Gateway' & 'Western Severn Vale'

(OBJ.) CONSENT

**16/2900/OUT 9 Wharfdale Way, Bridgend, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.**

Erection of dwelling and formation of access

(N.O) CONSENT

**17/0135/FUL Stonehouse Football Ground, Oldends Lane, Stonehouse,**

To erect and install 8 x 15 metre steel floodlight columns on concrete bases.

(SUPP) CONSENT

**17/0192/HHOLD 15 Melbourne Close, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2PY.**

Retrospective application for extension to rear of building.

(COMMENT) CONSENT

**16/2812/FUL Land To The Rear Of 40 Gloucester Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2HQ.**

Erection of dwelling, formation of vehicular access & landscaping. Re-submission following refusal under reference S.16/1032/FUL

(OBJ) CONSENT

**16/2887/COU 17 High Street, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2NG.**

Change of use of ground floor accommodation from sui generis to beauty salon and nail bar

**(COMMENT) CONSENT**

**16/2866/HHOLD Maidenhill House, Horsemarling Lane, Standish, Stonehouse.**

Extension to link dwelling to existing outbuilding and alterations to incorporate incidental accommodation as part of single dwelling house together with separate single storey addition.

**(N.O) CONSENT**

**Layby, Brunel Way, Stonehouse GL10 3SW**

Street Trading Consent: Sale of Hot and cold food and drink

3 month trial from 1st April 2017 to 30th June 2017, everyday 07:00 - 18:00.

**16/1758/FUL Stonehouse Youth Centre, Elm Road, Stonehouse,**

Erection of two 3 bedroom houses, layout of parking & access, landscaping.

**(COMMENT) CONSENT**

**17/0176/FUL 3 Park Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.**

Erection of one new building, incorporating two flats - Resubmission of S.07/0335/FUL

**(COMMENT) CONSENT**

**17/0274/HHOLD 22 Ebley Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2LQ.**

Retrospective permission for a garden store and raised deck.

**(N.O) CONSENT**

**17/0339/FUL 12 Park Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2DE.**

Proposed 2 bedroom ground and 2 bedroom first floor flat and alterations to existing adjoining 3 bedroom house

**(COMMENT) CONSENT**

**17/0412/TCA Court Farm, Bristol Road, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.**

Trees in a Conservation Area: Purple plum (T1) - Fell. Holly (T2) - Fell.

**(N.O) CONSENT**

**17/0558/DISCON Land At, Stroudwater Business Park, Brunel Way, Stonehouse.**

Discharge of condition 2 (Materials), 3 (Landscaping), 7 (Construction Method Statement), 9 (Noise Control), 11 (Drainage) and 12 (Ecology Enhancement Plan) of permission S.14/0353/FUL

**(N.O) CONSENT**

## **K2/477 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS**

**12 June 2017**