



MINUTES (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting) OF A MEETING OF THE REGENERATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 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
Theresa Watt (Chair of Council/Mayor)

Committee Clerk: Rachel Russell

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

K2/706 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Thorpe.

K2/707 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

K2/708 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23rd JULY 2018

The minutes of 23rd July were approved as a true record. Proposed by Cllr. Kambites, seconded by Cllr. Watt, four in favour, one abstention.

K2/709 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no call for an adjournment.

K2/710 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

1. To receive report of Traffic Working Group meeting with Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) Highways of 21 September 2018.

A written report of the meeting with GCC Highways of 21st September was available at the meeting.

For resolution by full Town Council: As GCC Highways have ruled out the option of a courtesy crossing over the shared space, the Traffic Working Group are instructed to work with GCC Highways on proposals for changes to parking arrangements and other measures, excluding the provision of a zebra crossing, to improve road safety as part of the reinstatement of the shared space after the cable installation works.

Two additional bus shelters on Oldends Lane industrial estate are thought to be owned by the Town Council.

2. To note complaint from resident regarding speeding at the industrial estate side of Oldends Lane and consider recommendation from Traffic Working Group.

Committee Clerk to contact police to request a speed check.

K2/711 STONEHOUSE STATION

1. **Platform Extension Works:** To note response from Network Rail regarding maintenance issues raised in site meeting of 21st June 2018 and agreed any further action.

Response was noted. Committee Clerk to ask Network Rail if further work will be done to improve rough surface on original platform and provide seating and shelter on new platform.

2. To consider nominating Stonehouse Station for Department for Transport Access to All funding to improve accessibility.

It was agreed to nominate Stonehouse Station for access improvements.

Information regarding Great Western Railways Customer & Communities Improvement Fund was received after the agenda was prepared. The deadline for bids for 2019/20 is 31st October. Committee Clerk to bid for funding for additional cycle racks and a new shelter on Platform 1 (towards London).

K2/712 BRISTOL ROAD STATION

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

Cllr. Watt is arranging a meeting with the new Chief Executive of Stroud District Council, the leader of the Council and Ward Councillors to seek support for this project. Cllr. Watt to follow up on actions agreed at the stakeholder's meeting on 25th May 2018. A copy of a letter from Nigel Riglar of Gloucestershire County Council of 19 September 2018 regarding Proposed New Stations between Gloucester and Bristol was provided at the meeting. The Committee Clerk to acknowledge the letter, restate Stonehouse Town Council's support for the re-opening of Bristol Road Station and willingness to meet with Gloucestershire County Council staff to discuss further.

K2/713 TOURISM WORKING GROUP

1. To receive an update on allocations from Stroud District Council's Market Towns Initiative fund.

The summary information on allocations was noted. Committee Clerk to clarify amount allocated for co-working space.

2. To comment on draft consultation survey regarding proposed improvements to Wharfdale Way sites and note proposals for public consultation.

Copies of the current draft of a consultation survey were provided at the meeting. The Committee Clerk advised that copies of the survey to be delivered by hand by Stroud District Council staff and Stonehouse Town Councillors in the immediate area of Wharfdale Way and Boakes Drive. A consultation morning is proposed at Stonehouse Town Hall, Saturday 17th November.

K2/714 STONEHOUSE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN MONITORING AND REVIEW

To receive report.

The report of 24th September circulated with the agenda was noted.

K2/715 TOWN TWINNING

To consider a proposal to investigate twinning Stonehouse with another town.

Committee Clerk advised that as funding for town twinning comes from the European Union it is uncertain that it will be available in the UK in the future. It was agreed not to investigate further.

K2/716 COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE

1. To check current balances against budget.

Current expenditure of £5,622 from the committee's budget was agreed.

2. To agree any payments due to date.

There were no payments to agree.

K2/717 PLANNING RESULTS (RECEIVED FROM STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL)

To receive report on Planning Results received from Stroud District Council 17th July 2018-16th September 2018.

The report was noted

K2/718 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

5 NOVEMBER 2018