

PETERSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the Town Development Committee was held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Petersfield on 2nd November 2018 at 3.00 pm.

PRESENT: Cllr J Palmer (Chairman), Cllr J Deane, Cllr J Matthews, Cllr Ms M Vincent, Cllr C Wilton, Cllr R Oppenheimer (Hampshire County Council), Cllr Mrs J Butler (East Hampshire District Council), Cllr R Mocatta (South Downs National Park Authority), Mr V Clarke, Mr P Marshall (Petersfield Society) and Mr D Humphries

Also in attendance: Mr N Hitch (Town Clerk) There were 3 members of the public present and the Petersfield Post.

T 0408 **CHAIRMANS REMARKS**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Peter Marshall as the new Petersfield Society representative.

T 0409 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Ms L Bevan

T 0410 **GRANTING OF DISPENSATION UNDER SECTION 33 OF THE LOCALISM ACT (2011)**

There were no requests for dispensation.

T 0411 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

T 0412 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Town Development Committee minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2018, previously circulated, were approved.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Development Committee, held on 5th October 2018 be approved.

T 0413 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public representation

T 0414 **NON-VOTING COMMITTEE MEMBER APPLICATIONS**

The Chairman advised that there were two vacancies for non-voting members on the committee and that their appointment would need to be confirmed by Council. Following the article in The Petersfield Post two applications had been received and one expression of interest had

been made prior to the article. They were from Mr Morgan-Owen who had a particular interest in cycling and establishing better cycle ways in and around the town and Mr Ryder who has lectured and written books on cities, transport planning, planning and governance with Mr Barnett expressing an earlier interest in working on the committee although no further information on his background had been received.

After a full discussion, members considered that it may be appropriate to invite all individuals for the next couple of meetings so all parties can gauge whether they wish to proceed and then to make a recommendation to Council on committee membership.

T 0415

EAST HAMPSHIRE COMMUNITY RAIL PARTNERSHIP

Members received notes from a meeting held with the East Hampshire Community Rail Partnership in connection with cycling routes linking the town to the surrounding countryside.

It was noted that the Council is seeking to bring all organisations together who are aiming to deliver cycling improvements in and around Petersfield and provide publicly accessible information on what is available. The difficulties in delivering cycle routes was also cited in relation to the Petersfield to Midhurst old railway line where little has changed for a number of years although it is hoped that things may alter in a few months.

Members were aware of the Section 106 monies that were available to the Community Rail Partnership for new cycle paths and it was agreed to check with East Hampshire District Council as to the funds available and whether they have been earmarked for use.

RESOLVED: to ascertain from East Hampshire District Council whether Section 106 funding is available to the Community Rail Partnership for new cycle paths and whether any sums have already been earmarked.

T 0416

TOURISM SUB-GROUP

Members received notes from the meeting held on 30th October 2018 of the Tourism Sub-Committee.

It was noted that the town had many positive things to offer but help was needed to decide what its Unique Selling Point really was. It was also essential to establish a Tourism Strategy at an early stage as well as recognised that the work to be done by the Town Spine Delivery Board would inevitably impact on the delivery of the strategy. The work already done by Petersfield Museum was noted and had been found to be very useful. The group considered that the funding requested in the Council's budget for 2019/20 for the funding of a Tourism Consultant was most important and that a short list of potential consultants would be drawn up once next years budget had

been approved and current partners had been contacted for other possible additions to this short list.

T 0417

FINGER POST SIGNS & MAP BOARDS

Members received images of the current condition and placement of the black heritage finger posts in the town centre and map boards. The Town Clerk advised that the replacement and enhancement of this infrastructure could be supported and partially funded through Hampshire County Council's Parish & Town Council Investment Fund as well as Developers Contributions and sought the views of members as to what sort of street furniture infrastructure they wished to see provided in the future. It was suggested that the type of map board to be provided could be of a similar design and style to those introduced onto the Town Council's recreation grounds in the last year or two.

A wide ranging discussion followed which included the following points:

- The maps need to be kept up to date rather than as present;
- Desire to maintain the heritage appearance of finger posts;
- Provide a map at Tesco car park;
- Provide a finger post at Tesco car park;
- Consider finger post directions to the Folly Market, Pages Court, The Heath, Hobbs Alley and Bakery Lane;
- Link in with the annual Town Guide;
- Decide what the purpose of the maps is to be;
- Maps ought to show the main points rather than too much detail to aid wayfinding;
- Maps to include places to visit, navigational aids and direction of travel;
- Wayfinding could be linked in with the Tourism Consultant brief.

RESOLVED: to ascertain from all interested parties and stakeholders their views on the potential changes to the infrastructure, as proposed.

T 0418

RESOLUTIONS AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Members received a list of resolutions and actions from previous minutes. There were no specific updates other than to advise that correspondence had been sent to the South Downs National Park Authority in connection with permitted development rights as specified in last months minutes.

T 0419

TOP 5 IDP PROJECTS

Shared Spaces - Town Spine (Project Delivery Team) - Project Delivery Board's first meeting scheduled for 6th December
Station/Lavant Street - Town Spine (Project Delivery Team) - Project Delivery Board's first meeting scheduled for 6th December

Car Parks (Mr R Mocatta) - no update. Response from South Western Railways to be chased again
Cycle Ways (Cllr C Wilton) - already discussed
Link to Countryside (vacancy) - no change
Self Build (Cllr J Palmer) - Community Land Trust AGM was set for 14th November at 7.30p.m. in the Rose Room. It continues to move forward with plans for the Reservoir Lane site.

T 0420

PLANNING APPLICATION REVIEW

Members reviewed the planning meeting agendas that had taken place since the last Town Development Meeting, and whilst there were no comments on these planning applications, it was discussed that when more controversial applications come through it may necessitate greater attendance at the Planning Committee of a higher tier authority. It was suggested that the committee could offer support to the Council's Planning Committee by way of personnel to attend these meetings as well as in formulating appropriate comments provided the Terms of Reference for both committees was amended accordingly.

RECOMMENDED:

that the Town Council Planning Committee consider requesting a change to its Terms of Reference to enable members of the Town Development Committee to provide comments and attendance support, when required at planning committee's of higher tier authorities.

that Council consider amending the Terms of Reference for the committee to enable assistance to be provided to the Council's Planning Committee in constructing comments for higher tier authority planning committee meetings as well as attending such meetings on the Council's behalf, subject to their agreement.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.24 p.m.