



Ottery St Mary Town Council

Minutes of the **REGENERATION AND CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING** of **OTTERY ST MARY TOWN COUNCIL** on **TUESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2022** at **6.00pm**. The meeting was held in the Meeting Room at the Council Offices, OSM EX11 1BZ.

PRESENT: Cllrs Green, Martin and Johnston

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT: - John Waddingham, Jill Dixon, Joe Williams, Miranda Maybank and Kerry Kennell, CEO

The meeting was Chaired by Cllr Green.

RCA22/11/01

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Cllr Johns (Mayor), Cllr Lucas (Deputy Mayor and Chair), Cllrs Grainger and Stewart, Rupert Bannister, Emma Grainger and Vicky McLachlan

RCA22/11/02

TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND RECEIPT OF REQUESTS FOR NEW DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS (DPIS) DISPENSATIONS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Name of Councillor	Agenda Item and Interest
Cllr Green	No interests declared.
Cllr Martin	No interests declared.
Cllr Johnston	Declared a personal interest in Agenda item 9d as she has booked a speaker to talk on the energy crisis on behalf of Tipton St John Eager Beavers.

RCA22/11/03

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 (PUBLICITY WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST BY REASON OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED): TO AGREE ANY ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH AFTER THE PUBLIC AND PRESS HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED

No confidential items are to be discussed.

RCA22/11/04

TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION *INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES*

There were none.

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RCA22/11/05

TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGENERATION AND CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE OF 26TH JULY 2022 (MINUTE REFS RCA22/07/01 – OH22/07/16) AND TO APPROVE THE SIGNING OF THE MINUTES BY THE CHAIR AS A CORRECT RECORD

The minutes of the Regeneration and Climate Action Committee of 26th July 2022 (minute refs RCA22/07/01 – RCA22/07/16) were reviewed and amended to show that Cllr Grainger was not present. They were then approved and the minutes were signed by Cllr Green as a correct record.

RCA22/11/06

TO RECEIVE UPDATE REGARDING WHETHER WEST HILL PARISH COUNCIL WISH TO TAKE PART IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW

West Hill Parish Council will decide at their December meeting whether they wish to proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan Review. Until this decision is received a review cannot be started.

RCA22/11/07

TO CONSIDER ANY REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS (IF APPROPRIATE) IN RESPECT OF THE REGENERATION OF THE TOWN AND CLIMATE ACTION

The Otter Trail group will be meeting in December and will be sending out a questionnaire to gauge interests. They are working closely with a group in Sidmouth. Information regarding a Climate Change training from the Royal Meteorological Society was shared with the committee.

RCA22/11/08

TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE (AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS) REGARDING THE SHOP FRONT GRANT SCHEME

To date five applications have been received. The applications will be considered by the Finance Committee as the shop front grants are being funded from the Council's general reserves.

RCA22/11/09

CONSIDERATION OF SMALLER PROJECTS THAT THE COMMITTEE BE ABLE TO CONSIDER IN THE SHORT TERM TO ENHANCE THE TOWN AND IMPROVE FACILITIES FOR RESIDENTS OF THE PARISH

a. FEEDBACK FROM DISCUSSION WITH ASHBURTON TOWN COUNCIL

Cllr Martin advised that in Ashburton the towns regeneration stems from the Chamber of Commerce. Businesses pay £40 per year membership and monthly meetings are held. The Post Office offers free change to businesses as part of the agreement. Cllr Martin will continue trying to arrange a meeting.

b. PILOT SCHEME FOR NEW BUSINESSES

There was no update regarding this.

c. LIAISING WITH SHOP OWNERS REGARDING POP UP SHOPS

There was no update regarding this. The proposal is that if a pop-up shop could not be considered could the window be decorated to make the shop look better. This happens in other towns with empty shops.

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d. DROP-IN SESSIONS TO PROVIDE ADVICE REGARDING COPING WITH ENERGY CRISIS

A 'Cutting the Costs' two-hour session was held at the Library on 10th November which was supported by Exeter Community Energy, Ottery Larder, Citizens Advice and the Ottery Help Scheme. The Library intend to repeat these sessions if they are needed.

e. INTERACTIVE MAP HIGHLIGHTING AREAS NEEDING IMPROVEMENT

A map will be updated once information relating to areas requiring improvement are provided. The CEO will contact Cllr Stewart to see if he has a list of areas in the parish requiring attention.

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TO CONSIDER (AND APPROVE IF APPROPRIATE) PROJECTS PROPOSED BY PLACE STUDIOS AND CALLIDUS

Cllr Green gave the committee an overview of the Coast to Country Tourism project which Ottery is currently part of. Place Studios have provided details of three projects which could be completed by March 2023 which will provide improved signage, better visibility to the town and its shops from Sainsburys and improvements to the Georgian Triangle.

It was **RESOLVED** that Phase 1 of the projects proposed by Place Studio are started as soon as possible.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that Phase 2 of the projects proposed by Place Studio are started once Phase 1 is completed if supported by the Regeneration and Climate Action Committee.

A traffic management consultation and evaluation can be provided by Callidas. This will look and measure traffic and how it comes into and leaves the town. It will also look at how pedestrians and cyclists use the streets taking into account the pavement width. This will include community engagement. Information already recorded by DCC will be included if it is still relevant (less than 5 years old). Callidus will engage with DCC throughout the process.

It was **RESOLVED** that Phase 1 of the traffic management consultation and evaluation is started early in 2023.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that Phase 2 of the traffic management consultation and evaluation is started when Phase 1 is completed if supported by the Regeneration and Climate Action Committee.

RCA22/11/11

TO CONSIDER SECTION 106 PROJECTS FOR LAND OF CANAAN

It is understood that EDDC do not feel it is a simple project to replace the footbridge as a new footbridge will need to be built in line with current health, safety and building legislation which could make the building cost prohibitive. There has been a change of staffing at the Section 106 team at EDDC.

RCA22/11/12

TO WELCOME COMMENTS AND IDEAS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- It was felt that safe cycling should be encouraged.
- It was suggested that permits could be provided to residents for on street car parking and then visitors to the town be made to park in the car parks.

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- It was suggested that cargo bikes could be considered between Otter and Sainsburys.
- Signage should be improved to show how you can get to Tipton St John on a bike.

It was noted that currently there is no reason **not** to bring your car which needs to change if people are to use alternative methods of transport in and around the parish.

- It was suggested that head weir hydro should be investigated as that is where the water is.
- It was asked whether the Council would consider taking on ownership and management of the trees bordering the footpath and river by the Tumbling Weir. There was some discussion regarding the ownership of this land which will be verified.
- There was a discussion regarding the ongoing issues with FP46 from Ottery to Tipton. A member of the committee will speak to Cllrs Grainger, Giles and Copus to gather information relating to the closure of this footpath which can be shared on social media to clarify the situation and the reason for it.

RCA22/11/13

TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS IN RELATION TO REGENERATION AND CLIMATE ACTION

There were none.

The meeting ended at 19.43.

<i>SIGNATURE OF CHAIR</i>	
<i>DATE OF SIGNATURE</i>	

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