

REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 3rd – 2018

Item 15 – OSM Regeneration Project

A meeting of the OSM Regeneration Working Group is taking place on Thursday 6th of December at the Council Offices with a full Agenda that will cover all we have achieved as a group during 2018.

The Traffic sub-group has not wasted any time to produce a list of traffic and parking issues which were discussed with Andrew Ennis and Tom Vaughan during a very productive meeting that took place on the 30th of November at the Council Office with members of the sub-group. I will be providing the Council with a detail report on this meeting in January after the notes of the meeting have been presented to the members of the Regeneration Working Group for approval and recommendations for the Council have been agreed.

☒The deadline for an opinion survey on Traffic Related Issues took place during October and November involving the general public, business community, King's School 6th Form and a selection of national and regional agencies. We have continuously received at the Council Offices responses to the survey from all parts involved and the numbers received at present will be sufficient evidence to draw conclusions. Ottery Primary School Council is taking part in a survey aimed at getting their point of view on how they foresee the future on traffic, car, cycling, etc. matters.

The OSM Heritage / Conservation Action Group had their first informal meeting with the Secretary of the Regeneration Working group and are ready to start work in January after the group is officially formed at the 6th of December meeting.

A Progress Report of Ottery St. Mary Town Council's Regeneration Working Group will be sent to Cllr. Jo Talbott – Chairman of the Neighbourhood Working Group on request after our meeting on the 6th of December.

Regular articles are appearing in the Ottery Gazette, Council website, Facebook and Sidmouth Herald so our commitment of keeping the public informed is there.

Once again I would like to thank the Clerk and the Clerk's Assistants for all the work done in support of the Working Group and the members of the Traffic sub-group for their professionalism and dedication.

Cllr. Josefina Gori
Chairman – OSM Regeneration Working Group

Item 14 – Late Night Christmas Shopping

It could have not been any nicer. What a lovely community event and how beautiful Ottery looked. At the time of writing this report I haven't had the time to do my usual rounds gathering information from the shops, restaurants, etc. but those I managed to talk to, said it had been very successful and considered the amount of people visiting had been bigger than years before. A full report will appear in the Gazette in January and I am sure the Sidmouth Herald will be reporting too.

I have many to thank for the success of the event, which I hope helped our traders recover some of the losses caused by the road closure. They know who they are. It has been an emotional journey especially for those involved in the Steering group but we had a tremendous support from traders, volunteers, local organisations and the public in general. Phyllis would have been proud of what we managed to achieve.

May I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a successful New Year filled with loads of new projects, although my knees are saying just the opposite.

Josefina Gori
Chairman
Late Night Christmas Shopping Steering Group