



Ottery St Mary Town Council

Draft Minutes of the **REGENERATION COMMITTEE MEETING** of **OTTERY ST MARY TOWN COUNCIL** on **Wednesday 16th June 2021 at 6pm**. The meeting was held at The Station.

PRESENT: Councillor Lucas (**Chairman**) Cllrs Grainger, Copus, Martin and the Deputy CEO

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT:- Dave Moss, Joe Williams, John Waddingham and Amber Waddingham

R21/06/01

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Cllr Johns, Cllr Stewart, Cllr Green, Emma Grainger, Jill Dixon and Martin Yeo

R21/06/02

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

No interests were declared.

R21/06/03

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.

It was agreed to bring Agenda Item 14 forward

R21/06/04

TO CONSIDER FORMING A NEW COMMITTEE TO INCORPORATE REGENERATION AND CLIMATE ACTION CREATING NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE AND FORMING WORKING GROUPS FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.

There was a discussion regarding the advantages of forming one committee to incorporate both subjects. It was **RECOMMENDED** that a new committee is formed to incorporate Regeneration and Climate Action creating a new terms of reference.

R21/06/05

TERMS OF REFERENCE

In light of the **RECOMMENDATION** made in 21/05/04 the terms of reference were not reviewed.

R21/06/06

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

Chairman`s Initials.....

It was discussed that the Neighbourhood Plan Group had paid for a report when the Neighbourhood Plan was being drawn up. The Traffic Report was completed by local people and took almost a year to complete. It was presented to the Town Council in March 2019. The long-term aim is to get people out of their cars. It was discussed whether alternative buses could be provided for the area. It was agreed that it would be beneficial to know the difference in emissions between diesel/electric/hydrogen and different sized buses.

R21/06/07

TO FURTHER CONSIDER PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATION IN REGARD TO VARIOUS LARGER REGENERATION PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION.

It was discussed that it would be beneficial to have signage for quiet roads suitable for cyclists and to have a finger post in the centre of town directing cyclists. The travel group did suggest an additional car park on North Street with the aim of reducing on street parking. It was felt that an increase in cyclists will encourage more people to cycle as they will feel it is a safe method of transport.

R21/06/08

TO FURTHER REVIEW AND ACTION PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY VOTED ON AT THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY 3RD AUGUST 2020 AND SIGNED OFF READY TO IMPLEMENT.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that professional support with evidence-based research be sought to help with the layout of the square and potential improvements.

R21/06/09

TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY TO PROVIDE FURTHER CAR PARKING SPECIFICALLY TO IDENTIFY LAND THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO SECURE OR THAT IS ALREADY AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE.

It was understood that there may be space at the Land of Canaan car park for an additional 20-30 spaces although it was thought this space may be where the community orchard has been planted. It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Town Council will approach EDDC regarding having two charging points at the Land of Canaan car park and to find out the cost of creating additional car parking spaces.

R21/06/10

TO FURTHER DISCUSS WAYS OF ACTIVE COMMUTING AND THE EXTENSION OF CYCLING, WALKING AND RUNNING ROUTES IN AND AROUND TOWN.

It was agreed that increased signage would increase awareness. As discussed previously a finger post in the centre of town highlighting the cycle routes would be beneficial. This could link with the Town Council website and social media. The possibility of electric bike hire was also discussed.

R21/06/11

FURTHER TO THE MEETING OF JULY 2020 THE NEED TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF BEING ABLE TO IMPLEMENT A SPEED LIMIT OF 20 MPH THROUGHOUT SOME OF THE ROADS OF OTTERY ST MARY, UP TO AND INCLUDING OTTERY NURSERIES. CONSIDERATION TO BE GIVEN TO WHAT PERMISSIONS ARE TO BE SOUGHT AND TO MAKE DECISIONS AS TO WHETHER THIS IS REALISTIC TO DELIVER.

20mph speed limits have been implemented in other parts of Devon and Cornwall. It was suggested that the Council could pay for a traffic warden. Information will be gathered to see whether other Town Councils are doing this and whether the revenue income covers the cost of the employee.

Cllr Copus left the meeting.

Chairman`s Initials.....

R21/06/12

GENERAL DISCUSSION OF ALL OTHER POINTS AT THE JULY 2020 MEETING. THE MAIN OBJECTIVE IS TO COMPILE A PRIORITY LIST OF WHICH PROJECTS ARE TO BE MOVED FORWARD AND OBTAIN COSTINGS AND PERMISSIONS FOR THESE PROJECTS.

The proposal of a footpath to Otter Nurseries was discussed. It was noted that the situation has been complicated as the land needed for a footpath is owned by two landowners. It will be checked whether a request for a footpath can be made even if the Council is not the landowner. It was **RECOMMENDED** that a meeting be requested with Cllr Johns, Dave Moss and Devon Highways to discuss this further.

It was asked why the entrance to Otter Nurseries is not included in the 30mph limit. This will be confirmed with DCC Highways.

R21/06/13

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

The following items were suggested for consideration:

Free town Wi-Fi

Bulb planting

Expanding the work of Ottery in Bloom

Wildlife verges

Forming links with schools to get children and young people involved

Bee Corridors

Welly Planting – this could involve the primary school children and they could be invited to present their green ideas.

Wildlife Corridors

It was discussed that in Sidmouth residents plant daffodils. Perhaps something similar could be run in Ottery St Mary with residents planting a different bulb.

It was suggested that there could be temporary pop-up events held at the Millennium Green such as a river walk, open air cinema, youth market or craft fair.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that if the shop front scheme is run again it is expanded to include all shops within the parish, not just the town. It was noted that other towns are running various schemes to improve the look of their town such as offering hanging baskets at a discounted price.

R21/06/14

TO CLARIFY JOINT PROJECT OVERLAP WITH GREENER OTTERY TRANSPORT GROUP AND TO IDENTIFY PRIORITIES.

It was agreed that the reason for parking needs to be established – is it tourism, replacement for on street parking or EV changing. It was **RECOMMENDED** that contact is made with Sainsburys to suggest they have an EV charging point.

R21/06/15

TO CONSIDER FORMING A NEW COMMITTEE TO INCORPORATE REGENERATION AND CLIMATE ACTION CREATING NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE AND FORMING WORKING GROUPS FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.

This was discussed in R21/06/04.

Chairman`s Initials.....

R21/06/16

WE WOULD WELCOME COMMENTS AND IDEAS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No items were raised.

R21/06/17

TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS IN RELATION TO REGENERATION

No questions were raised.

The meeting concluded at **8.00pm**

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