



Ottery St Mary Town Council

Draft Minutes of the **REGENERATION AND CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING** of **OTTERY ST MARY TOWN COUNCIL** on **FRIDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2021 at 5.30pm**. The meeting was held at the Ottery Hub, The Station, OSM EX11 1AH.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor (**Chair**), Mayor, Cllrs Grainger, Stewart, Green and the Deputy CEO

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT:- Dave Moss, Joe Williams, John Waddingham, Emma Grainger, Jill Dixon, Nick Sneller and Angela Glanville

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TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Cllr Copus, Cllr Martin and Vicky Mclachlan

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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.

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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.

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CONFIRM TERMS OF REFERENCE AND MEMBERS

It was confirmed that Cllrs Lucas, Martin, Stewart, Green, Lucas, Martin and Copus will be on the committee. Dave Moss, Nick Sneller, Joe Williams, Angela Glanville and Jill Dixon would like to be involved.

The Terms of Reference were discussed at length. It was agreed that the Committee should look at projects which are deliverable short term and gather information for the full Council on larger projects i.e., reducing speed limit to 20mph. It was agreed that a small group will look at the list of projects detailed in the Neighbourhood Plan and by the Council breaking them down to what is achievable with realistic timescales and what is unachievable or unrealistic. It was agreed that small projects will build momentum. It was **RECOMMENDED** that the TORs are

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amended to have a quorum of 3 councillors and are updated to be more realistic and achievable.

The Mayor advised that EDDC has put forward a recommendation for the car park at Land of Canaan to have two charging points which will charge four cars. It was suggested that it could be investigated about a charging point at the Ottery Hub (formerly The Station).

It was discussed that previously it had been suggested that there was the potential to add 30 spaces at the Land of Canaan car park although it was unclear whether this space is now the Community Orchard. It was **RESOLVED** that clarification will be sought from EDDC regarding whether there is still the possibility of additional spaces at the Land of Canaan car park.

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

No reports or correspondence has been received.

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TO FURTHER CONSIDER PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATION IN REGARD TO VARIOUS LARGER REGENERATION AND CLIMATE ACTION PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION

It was felt that for sustainable progress professional consultation is essential. To secure funding for projects it will be necessary to have a costed plan with variables. It was **RESOLVED** that the process of finding a professional consultant will be started. It is important to find someone who is experienced in rural regeneration in line with climate action. It was suggested that this is advertised on the government contract finder website.

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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

It was agreed that Cllrs Stewart, Grainger, Green, Dave Moss and Nick Sneller will look at the current Regeneration projects.

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PRESENTATION FROM NICK SNELLER ON COLLABORATIVE AND COMMUNITY GREENING PROJECTS

There was a short presentation from Nick Sneller on collaborative and community green projects (see Appendix 1). It was agreed that all planting projects in the parish should be environmentally and insect friendly. It was noted that watering is key for community gardening projects as often enthusiasm can wane. Garden Swaps were also suggested where you connect someone who cannot garden with a family who lack outdoor space. It was also suggested that items to eat could be planted to benefit the community.

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TO CONSIDER (AND APPROVE IF APPROPRIATE) WHICH ITEMS SHOULD BE APPLIED FOR THROUGH THE WELCOME BACK FUND

The Council can apply for £10,000 through the Welcome Back Fund which is being facilitated by EDDC. It was suggested that this could be used to purchase bunting, benches and planters (all of which should be sustainable and renewable). It was **RESOLVED** that an application will be made for bunting, benches and planters from the Welcome Back Fund before the end of the year.

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TO CONSIDER SECTION 106 PROJECTS FOR LAND OF CANAAN

On behalf of the Council Cllr Green is working with the Deputy Mayor on a project to replace the bridges, to look for a structure that is similar to a bandstand and a youth shelter at Land of Canaan using Section 106 funds.

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TO REVIEW THE CLIMATE ACTION PRIORITIES FOR THE PARISH

It was agreed that the Climate Action priorities should be reviewed in the same way as the Regeneration priorities. The Greener Ottery report will be reviewed and a decision made regarding which projects would be sensible to proceed with. It will be considered whether items are achievable, and if so, how? This review will be carried out by Cllr Stewart, Joe Williams and Jill Dixon and will be completed by January.

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TO AGREE WORKING GROUPS TO BE SET UP TO LOOK AT SPECIFIC AREAS OF REGENERATION AND CLIMATE ACTION

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Stewart, Deputy Mayor, Nick Sneller and Emma Grainger will look at devising a community owned approach to managing trees, plants and flowers within the parish and to promote and encourage local people to manage and maintain their local areas. A parish wide approach to planning planting, cultivation and promotion of appropriate and decorative flowers and wildlife to build on the work that has already been done by Ottery in Bloom. No further groups will be set up until the review of priorities has been completed.

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TO WELCOME COMMENTS AND IDEAS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

It had been previously suggested to the Council by a parishioner that amenity English oak trees could be planted along the Sidmouth road, to complete the avenue already partially there. The resident felt that continuing the stretch towards Gerway Lane, would add to the rural approach to Ottery, in keeping with the surrounding landscape and would also be environmentally friendly. The Council approached the landowner but they do not wish to proceed with this at the current time. The parishioner felt that this was disappointing as it would enhance the landscape for the present community and future generations. The Deputy Mayor reiterated that nothing can be done without the landowner's consent.

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

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The Mayor will seek confirmation from EDDC when the next stage (the Butterfly corner) of the Orchard and Insect Plan at the Land of Canaan will be going ahead. The Mayor will also ask for an update regarding the Community Asset Transfer Plan.

The meeting concluded at **7.20pm**

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