



Ottery St Mary Town Council

Minutes of the **REGENERATION AND CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING** of **OTTERY ST MARY TOWN COUNCIL** on **TUESDAY 26TH JULY 2022** at **9.30am**. The meeting was held at the Council Offices, OSM EX11 1BZ.

PRESENT: Cllr Lucas, Deputy Mayor (Chair), Cllrs Grainger, Martin and Stewart

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT: - Nick Sneller, Emma Grainger, Amber Waddingham and the Deputy CEO

RCA22/07/01

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Cllr Johns (Mayor), Cllrs Green and Johnston, Vicky Mclachlan, John Waddingham, Fiona Pavelin, Dave Moss, Joe Williams, Jill Dixon and Rupert Bannister

RCA22/07/02

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.

RCA22/07/03

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.

RCA22/07/04

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

There were none.

RCA22/07/05

TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGENERATION AND CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE OF 17TH FEBRUARY 2022 (MINUTE REFS RCA22/02/01 – OH22/02/13) AND TO APPROVE THE SIGNING OF THE MINUTES BY THE CHAIR AS A CORRECT RECORD

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The minutes of the Regeneration and Climate Action Committee of 17th February 2022 (minute refs RCA22/02/01 – RCA22/02/13) were approved and the minutes were then signed by the Chair as a correct record.

RCA22/07/06

TO CONSIDER (AND MAKE A DECISION IF APPROPRIATE) AND UPDATE THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE COMMITTEE

The Terms of Reference were only updated at the last meeting and it was felt that they did not need updating. During the meeting it was agreed that a core group of committee members will be involved in day-to-day discussions and that monthly meetings will be held. It was **RESOLVED** the Terms of Reference will be updated to reflect this.

RCA22/07/07

TO CONSIDER REPORT FROM PLACE STUDIOS AND TO CONSIDER HOW THE COMMITTEE WILL WORK WITH THE CONSULTANT MOVING FORWARDS

At the July Full Town Council Meeting it was resolved that the Council would use Place Studios initially. The first step will be to apply for funding of up to £18,000 which will enable a full review of the Neighbourhood Plan and access Town Centre Master planning which incorporates traffic management, parking, town layout and pedestrianisation. Extensive public consultation will be held throughout the process. This work will build on the work already carried out on Regeneration previously but will bring it right up to date taking into consideration the difficulties that the town is experiencing now, particularly post Covid. It was **RESOLVED** that there will be a core team who will liaise with the Regeneration consultant on a regular basis consisting of Cllrs Lucas (who will lead the group), Stewart, Martin, Green and Nick Sneller. Monthly Regeneration and Climate Action meetings will also be held. There will be the opportunity to engage with other consultants at a later point.

RCA22/07/08

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

There were none.

RCA22/07/09

TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK FROM GROUP LOOKING AT THE REGENERATION PRIORITIES

The committee hope to gain experience from other local Councils who have successfully regenerated their towns, such as Ashburton. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Martin will liaise with Ashburton Town Council to see what they have put in place to transform their town. This has resulted in a tremendous loyalty from residents.

RCA22/07/10

TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK FROM THE GROUP LOOKING AT CLIMATE ACTION PRIORITIES

The Climate Action group have been looking for funding opportunities for EV charging points and will be shortly sending out a travel survey to the parish. They are also keen to improve signage in the town for cyclists and to gain a greater understanding into how the '20's Plenty' campaign works and whether this could

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benefit Ottery St Mary, following the disappointing news that the Council's application for a 20mph zone will not be progressed by Devon County Council. Initial findings are that a Tumbling Weir Hydro would be cost prohibitive costing more than £250,000 in relation to a return of approximately £8,000 but funding opportunities will be investigated as this would be a unique project for the town.

RCA22/07/11

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

It was **RECOMMENDED** that the shop front scheme is run again to improve the overall appearance of the town. This could include rebranding using hand painted sign writers. It was **RECOMMENDED** that a pilot scheme is set up to help support new businesses with help and support to carry out a feasibility study, market research and provide them with a mentor. Funding may be available to support this. There are many empty properties in Ottery St Mary. It was **RESOLVED** that the Committee will engage with landlords to ask that they consider using their premises for pop up shops.

The Committee will work with EDDC and Idverde to tidy up the town centre.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Grainger will lead a group looking at whether the Committee can work in association with Ottery Community Volunteers to run drop-in sessions on debt management and how to deal with large energy bills which could be supported by the Citizens Advice Bureau.

RCA22/07/12

TO CONSIDER SECTION 106 PROJECTS FOR LAND OF CANAAN

There was no update.

RCA22/07/13

TO CONSIDER ANY RECOMMENDATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE LOCAL ENERGY BILL

There are no recommendations at the current time in relation to the Local Energy Bill.

RCA22/07/14

TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM BLOOM IN OTTERY

Nick provided an update from Bloom in Ottery which is growing in momentum and is gradually improving the overall appearance of the town. The group is currently unincorporated but with a bank account. There are a couple more wooden planters which will be installed and then Phase Two will be to engage with the public and build on the work that has already taken place to create community gardening projects. Thanks were given to Nick and Rupert for their work on this so far. Local businesses have been very supportive.

RCA22/07/15

TO WELCOME COMMENTS AND IDEAS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

It was suggested that a linear park between Ottery Primary School and The King's School could be created.

The Committee will approach EDDC to ask for their support to improve the appearance of Land of Canaan and benches owned by them throughout the town.

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The regeneration project will link in closely with the Tourism project that the Council is also running following a successfully application for funding from EDDC. By working together the Council believe that residents and businesses of Ottery St Mary can make a real difference. It was **RESOLVED** that an interactive map will be created to highlight areas in the parish that require improvement work and areas of success.

RCA22/07/16

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

There were none.

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

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