



Ottery St Mary Town Council

Minutes of the **REGENERATION AND CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING** of **OTTERY ST MARY TOWN COUNCIL** on **TUESDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2022** at **6.00pm**. The meeting was held in the Meeting Room at the Council Offices, OSM EX11 1BZ.

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

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT: - Emma Grainger, John Waddingham, Joe Williams, Vicky McLachlan and the Deputy CEO

RCA22/09/01

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Cllr Johns (Mayor), Cllrs Green, Amber Waddingham, Nick Sneller and Rupert Bannister

RCA22/09/02

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 Lucas	Agenda Item 9 – Cllr Lucas runs a business in Ottery St Mary. Agenda Item 12 - Cllr Lucas declared a personal interest as a member of Bloom in Ottery.
Cllr Stewart	Agenda Item 12 - Cllr Stewart declared a personal interest as a member of Bloom in Ottery.

RCA22/09/03

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.

RCA22/09/04

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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RCA22/09/05

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 approved and the minutes were then signed by the Chair as a correct record.

RCA22/09/06

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

A meeting has taken place with representatives of West Hill Parish. EDDC have sought legal advice as to the options available to West Hill if they chose not be part of the Neighbourhood Plan Review. It was AGREED that when the review takes place examples of new houses that are sustainable should be reviewed and included in the revised plan. Place Studios will give advice on the degree of specification that can be included. It was noted that as EDDC are reviewing their Local Plan it is necessary to review the Ottery St Mary and West Hill Neighbourhood Plan. It is intended that the reviewed Neighbourhood plan will include a costed plan of deliverables with transparent policies explaining what, why and how items can be delivered.

RCA22/09/07

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

A meeting has been held with Callidus, a traffic consultant who work closely with Place Studio. The previous traffic report has been shared with them to see what is relevant. It is proposed that traffic measuring will be carried out early next year. It was asked whether Callidus look at active travel (travel by any means of transport other than motor vehicle)? It was proposed that Callidus measure motorised transport and then measure non-motorised transport with a view to how things can be improved. It was **RECOMMENDED** that Callidus are used to carry out a traffic survey.

RCA22/09/08

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

There were none.

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TO CONSIDER (AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS) REGARDING THE SHOP FRONT GRANT SCHEME

It was noted that the Shop Front Grant Scheme gives shop owners an incentive to improve their shop fronts through match funding. It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Shop Front Grant Scheme is run again with a budget of £10,000 from general reserves. Applicants can apply for funding for works carried out from 1st April 2022 providing that they meet the agreed criteria and provide receipts.

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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 has been trying to set up a meeting with Ashburton Town Council and will continue trying to do so. As a business owner in Ashburton Cllr Martin advised it was the Chamber of Commerce who were key to moving things forward with the regeneration of the town.

b. PILOT SCHEME FOR NEW BUSINESSES The Council has approved in principle a scheme of support which would be beneficial for new businesses. It could signpost new businesses to support schemes that are not widely advertised. It was felt that a cycle path would be key in getting people to come to Ottery. John Waddingham is going to collate information on where various projects are and why they are not moving forward – for example why there is no footpath on the east side of the river. He will liaise with the Council footpath wardens.

c. LIAISING WITH SHOP OWNERS REGARDING POP UP SHOPS

There was no update regarding this.

d. DROP-IN SESSIONS TO PROVIDE ADVICE REGARDING COPING WITH ENERGY CRISIS The committee will speak to Citizens Advice Bureau to see if they can run some sessions. The Council has resolved to provide a warm room for members of the parish during the winter

Cllr Stewart and John Waddingham left the meeting.

e. INTERACTIVE MAP HIGHLIGHTING AREAS NEEDING IMPROVEMENT

This will be produced as information is received.

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TO CONSIDER SECTION 106 PROJECTS FOR LAND OF CANAAN

Cllr Green is liaising with EDDC and Place Studios regarding Section 106 projects at the Land of Canaan. A suggestion was made about opening up the garden of The Tumbling Weir and setting up a café which could serve the Land of Canaan.

RCA22/09/12

TO CONSIDER HOW REGENERATION AND CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE COULD ASSIST WITH THE PROJECT TO CREATE A FOOTPATH FROM THE OSM CRICKET CLUB TO THE OSM BOWLING CLUB IN STRAWBERRY LANE

The OSM Cricket Club have offered to donate a strip of land at Strawberry Lane bordering the cricket pitch, where a footpath can be created. The proposal is to set up a permissive footpath initially. It was suggested that Strawberry Lane could become one-way with a cycle path. Cllr Martin will approach a land owner to see if they would be prepared to offer some land for a permissive path in the direction of the road as the Cricket Club are doing. As part of the agreement the OSM Cricket club would like trees to be planted and a 10ft fence put up to protect users of the footpath. There will be planting opportunities and a project to improve the walkway which the committee could be involved in.

RCA22/09/13

TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM BLOOM IN OTTERY

Bloom in Ottery intend to build on the positive feedback they received at the Food and Families Festival. It was suggested that a sign could be put in planters giving a number that people could contact if they were willing to take ownership of the

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planter. This will be fed back to Bloom in Ottery. Edibles are now growing at The Larder and the Station. It was suggested that when Bloom in Ottery hold their community event it should be combined with a plant sale or plant swap.

RCA22/09/14

TO WELCOME COMMENTS AND IDEAS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

It was noted that DCC cleared out the Leat but that destroyed vegetation. It was necessary to remove the vegetation as cars had become stuck in the leat. It was suggested that planters could be put on top of the leat to highlight it was there but allow vegetation to grow. This will be raised with Mike Brown, DCC Neighbourhood Highways Officer.

It was discussed about the possibility of implementing a 20mph speed limit. It was noted that any speed reduction would be a positive thing.

It was suggested that empty shops could have window dressing to make the high street look more appealing.

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

There were none.

The meeting ended at 19.32.

SIGNATURE OF CHAIR	
DATE OF SIGNATURE	

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