



Ottery St Mary Town Council

Minutes of the **ENVIRONMENT, LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE MEETING** of **OTTERY ST MARY TOWN COUNCIL** on **THURSDAY 8TH JUNE 2023 at 4.30pm**. The meeting was held in the Meeting Room at the Council Offices, OSM EX11 1BZ.

PRESENT: Cllrs Green (Chair), Stewart (Deputy Mayor), Sneller and Kerry Kennell, CEO

IN ATTENDANCE: John Waddingham and Amber Waddingham

ELDC23/06/01

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Cllrs Grainger (Mayor) and Lucas and Emma Grainger

ELDC23/06/02

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

Name of Councillor	Agenda Item and Interest
Cllr Green	No interests declared.
Cllr Stewart	No interests declared.
Cllr Sneller	Agenda Item 14 – personal interest as a member of Bloom in Ottery.

ELDC23/06/03

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.

ELDC23/06/04

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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TO REVIEW TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE COMMITTEE

The Terms of Reference were reviewed. It was noted that the budgets allocated to the Committees need to be reviewed following the new Committee structure. This will be an agenda item on the next Finance Committee.

ELDC23/06/06

TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGENERATION AND CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE OF 21ST FEBRUARY 2023 (MINUTE REFS RCA23/02/01 – RCA23/02/11) 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 21st February 2023 (minute refs RCA23/02/01 - RCA23/02/11) were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.

ELDC23/06/07

TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING NEXT STEPS FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

There is an EDDC meeting next week regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. The CEO will feedback after this meeting has taken place.

ELDC23/06/08

TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE TRANSPORT CONSULTATION AND TO MAKE DECISIONS (IF APPROPRIATE) REGARDING NEXT STEPS

Callidus have arranged the Traffic Consultation. Callidus hosted a public consultation event in April in partnership with NASH Partnership. The event was held from 4pm until 7pm to enable as many people as possible to participate. Callidus have confirmed that their quote for Phase 2 remains as per the original fee proposal. They have advised that Phase 1 should be completed this month and then they could start work on Phase 2 next month. Callidus are currently drafting the report for Phase 1 and completing the micro-cumulation base model. A meeting will be arranged with Callidus later this month to review Phase 1. It was noted that this work may be impacted by the 20mph scheme once details of the area that will have a reduced speed limit are confirmed.

ELDC 3/06/09

TO CONSIDER RUNNING A PILOT SCHEME FOR NEW BUSINESSES

It was AGREED that this action will be closed. It will be reviewed in the future if appropriate. Signposting could be offered to new businesses to the EDDC grants that are available.

ELDC23/06/10

TO CONSIDER LIAISING WITH OWNERS OF EMPTY SHOPS REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF POP-UP SHOPS

It was AGREED that this action will be closed. It may be revisited in the future if appropriate.

ELDC23/06/11

TO CONSIDER SETTING UP AN INTERACTIVE MAP HIGHLIGHTING AREAS NEEDING IMPROVEMENT

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It was AGREED that this action will be closed. It will be reviewed in the future if needed. Ask Andy about an interactive/foraging map.

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TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE 20MPH SPEED LIMIT

The town has been awarded a 20mph speed limit. The Council know which area they applied for but no confirmation has been received from DCC advising which areas will have a lowered speed limit.

It was discussed whether 30mph speed limits could be extended to allow road users adequate time to slow down. It was AGREED that DCC Cllr Bailey would be contacted to see whether there was any possibility of reducing the speed limit from Slade Road to Coldharbour Farm.

ELDC23/06/13

TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE COAST MEETS COUNTRY PROJECT AND MAKE DECISIONS (IF APPROPRIATE)

Cllr Green advised that a Coast Meets Country strategy meeting scheduled for this week had been cancelled and is being rearranged next week linked to another Imaginarium event. Funding for the project will be extended until mid-December. This allows more time for the Council to consider what the future for Visit Ottery should be. The website has been updated with events taking place and it was confirmed that the Council does not have access to either the website or Facebook for Visit Ottery. It was suggested that there could be a launch event at the Food and Families Festival. It was AGREED that Ignite will be invited to give a presentation to the Council. The original project was pitched at selling an itinerary – a visit to the river, to a café – a journey around East Devon and that the increase in footfall will result in more people coming into the town. It was noted that the Visit Sidmouth website is very impressive.

ELDC/23/06/14

TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM BLOOM IN OTTERY

As a founding member of Bloom in Ottery Cllr Sneller gave an update. The plastic planters have been replanted. Metal planters have been replanted and will be repainted. It was AGREED that the CEO will compose a note to residents in Mill Street and the Library about the three new planters. Twenty volunteers came forward after the tree giveaway and subsequent meetings have been held. Otter Nurseries are planting the Millennium bridge planters. Once the group have set up a bank account and constitution a Community Grant application could be made, as well as other grant applications to increase funding. There are key people on several areas of the town. Future plans include speaking to youth leaders; RIO running a seed swap; the Fire Station planters being re-planted. A member of the group will be developing a website. Businesses are interested in sponsoring individual planters.

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ANY FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MEMBERS

The idea of an Otter Trail with sculpture Otters was discussed.

Footpath 46 was discussed following a report which was written by John Waddingham summarising the history of the problem. He suggested that a QR code

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could be produced with a link to Council website explaining why the footpath is not there. It was AGREED that a circular walk to Tipton St John is a lovely feature making the most of the natural resources available. Any feedback on the report will be given before the next meeting. DCC advised they were waiting for the river to settle. It was noted that there is active erosion and that there needs to be a strategy for when land does erode. The CEO will speak to Ros Davies at DCC.

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TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

The Land of Canaan footbridge potential S106 project was put on hold as EDDC advised that current building/engineering requirements would make the project cost prohibitive, taking into account there are two other access routes across the river. If the project were to go ahead the Council would have to prove the foundations of bridge are fit for purpose. The Council are awaiting a response from EDDC regarding community ownership of Land of Canaan and depending on the decision made the possibility of a footbridge could be revisited.

It was raised that several pedestrian bridges in the parish need to be inspected – erosion by Tumbling Weir bridge, Millennium Green footbridge needs painting, bridge on east side by Tipton St John. These bridges will be reported to EDDC/DCC.

The meeting ended at 6.04pm

SIGNATURE OF CHAIR	
DATE OF SIGNATURE	

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