



Ottery St Mary Town Council

Minutes of the **STRATEGY COMMITTEE MEETING** of **OTTERY ST MARY TOWN COUNCIL** on **THURSDAY 4TH APRIL 2024 at 4.30pm**. The meeting was held in the Meeting Room at the Council Offices, OSM EX11 1BZ.

PRESENT: Cllrs Lucas (Chair), Green (Vice Chair), Johns, Sneller, Feasey and Kerry Kennell, Clerk

TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Cllr Grainger (Mayor) and Stewart (Deputy Mayor)

S24/04/02

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 Sneller	Declared an 'affects NRI' as a founding member of Bloom in Otter.
Cllr Lucas	No interests declared.
Cllr Feasey	No interests declared.
Cllr Johns	Declared an ORI as a Fixtures Secretary of the Cricket Club and her husband is Trustee and Chair of the Cricket Club.

S24/04/03

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

There were none.

S24/04/04

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

Cllr Faithfull reiterated his concern regarding the protection of the green wedges within the parish and offered to take pictures the of views within the parish as pictorial evidence.

Cllr Faithfull left the meeting

Chair`s Initials.....

S24/04/05

TO RECEIVE THE STRATEGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF 29TH FEBRUARY 2024 (MINUTE REFS S24/02/09 – S24/02/16) AND TO APPROVE THE SIGNING OF THE MINUTES BY THE CHAIR AS A CORRECT RECORD

The Strategy Committee meeting minutes of 29th February 2024 minute refs S24/02/09 – S24/02/16) were reviewed and were signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.

S24/04/06

TO REVIEW THE CURRENT PROJECT LIST AGAINST THE DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING WHICH PROJECTS SHOULD BE PROGRESSED, AND WHICH REQUIRE FURTHER FACT FINDING BEFORE A DECISION CAN BE MADE BY THE COUNCIL

It was AGREED that one document will be created by Cllr Lucas which summarises the project scores.

It was AGREED that Appendix 1 will be updated to include the Project name.

It was AGREED that a form for land or asset acquisition needs to be created that should include information regarding future liabilities.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Finance Committee use the project management process for large Community Grant applications. This information would then be presented to Full Council.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that if any committee or the Full Council wishes to proceed with a project it has to be reviewed by the Strategy Committee before it can be progressed

It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Finance Committee review the financial limits for Community Grant applications.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that the current Project List is approved by the Full Council.

Cllr Johns left the meeting.

S24/04/07

TO CONSIDER FUTURE PROJECTS AND THEIR ALIGNMENT WITH THE DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL

It was **RECOMMENDED** that in principle the Council supports the Gerway Action Group fighting the planning appeal by hearing.

It was AGREED that the document regarding a planting strategy for the town produced by Cllrs Feasey and Grainger will be shared with LHC who are working on the Quick Wins project.

S24/04/08

TO CONSIDER ANY FURTHER AMENDMENTS REQUIRED TO THE DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN

The Draft Strategic Plan was reviewed.

It was AGREED that a quotation will be obtained to print the public document with graphics.

S24/04/09

ANY FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MEMBERS

There were none.

Chair`s Initials.....

S24/03/10

TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

Cllr Green advised that a conversation has taken place with PlayZone to discuss the next steps. PlayZone have confirmed they feel the Council has a very strong case. Time can be saved utilising information already obtained from the MUGA application. The next step will be to carry out a survey of potential users to establish the groups that will utilise the space. The deadline for the next submission is 1st July 2024 with completion of the installation by 31st March 2025.

The meeting ended at 6.07pm

Date of next meeting:

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

Chair`s Initials.....