



# Ottery St Mary Town Council

Minutes of the **STRATEGY COMMITTEE MEETING** of **OTTERY ST MARY TOWN COUNCIL** on **THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> 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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllr Faithfull (Town Councillor and EDDC Councillor but not a member of this committee)

## **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Cllr Grainger (Mayor) and Stewart (Deputy Mayor)

*S24/03/02*

## **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**

<b>Name of Councillor</b>	<b>Agenda Item and Interest</b>
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.

*S24/03/03*

## **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.

*S24/03/04*

## **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 of the views within the parish as pictorial evidence.

*Cllr Faithfull left the meeting*

Chair`s Initials.....

S24/03/05

**TO RECEIVE THE STRATEGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF 29<sup>TH</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

S24/03/06

**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.*

S24/03/07

**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.

S24/03/08

**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.

S24/03/09

**ANY FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MEMBERS**

There were none.

S24/03/10

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**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 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 with completion of the installation by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

The meeting ended at 6.07pm

Date of next meeting:

<b>SIGNATURE OF CHAIR</b>	
<b>DATE OF SIGNATURE</b>	

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