

Framlingham Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Strategy And Development (SAD) Committee held in the Town Council Meeting Room, 10c Church Street, Framlingham

on Wednesday 23rd March 2022 at 7.00pm

All documents relevant for this meeting have been circulated to Councillors in advance

1. Apologies:

Cllr S Garrett

2. Present:

Cllrs: C Eastwood, M Hine, J Jones (Chair), N Williamson

3. In attendance:

Mrs Eileen Coe (Town Clerk/RFO and three members of the public.

4. Declarations of interest:

None

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

512332 Cllr Jones proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th January 2022 be approved as an accurate record, which was seconded by Cllr Hine with all in favour

Cllr Jones signed the file copy of the minutes.

6. Public Comment:

6.1 Cllr Jones proposed an adjournment for public comment, which was agreed.

There were three members of the public present and all commented that they were not in favour of the application from Castle Community Rooms (Item 7.1)

6.2 Cllr Jones proposed to reconvene the meeting which was agreed.

7. Applications for Local CIL Funding:

7.1 Castle Community Rooms - £100,000

Cllr Jones clarified several points:

The two grants already agreed will be used for the provision of facilities and the facilities definition in the agreement states:

The provision of meeting and recreational rooms and ancillary facilities within the Project for use inter alia by clubs, societies having athletic, social or recreational objectives as defined in S19 (1) d of the Powers – Local Government Misc Provisions Act 1976.

Points to summarise: What we know so far:

Community Centre/Rooms are classified as essential infrastructure

Total project cost is £1,202,000

Funding secured so far is £1,018,000

Application is for £100,000 leaving £84,000 to be raised.

Historic approach to grant funding has been to avoid any contradiction with the 1894 LGA

On both occasions that funding has been granted legal previous advice has been to use the 1976 Local Government Misc Provisions Act which provides for funding of 'facilities' i.e meeting and recreational rooms and ancillary facilities within the project for use inter alia by clubs, societies having athletic, social or recreational activities.

Previous funding agreements include a 30 year duration period that expires in 2049

ESC advise the Town Council that CIL spending is governed by CIL Regulations 2010(amended) and not by any Local Government Act.

CIL spending Regulations do not limit spending to that of funding facilities.

Other large projects in the pipeline are Framlingham Sports Club, Scout and Guides, FAYAP and Safe walkways Project.

It was noted that the current Local CIL unallocated funds total £305,505.43

There followed some discussion:

When will the funds in the application be paid?

Is there a quid pro quo?

Could we use this to negotiate a longer duration?

Will the money be put to good use?

Has any progress been made with the grant applications in the pipeline?

What will the money be used for?

Are we satisfied that a grant of further money is legal?

Failure to support could mean the failure of this project

Premature to support in principle and we will need Full Council approval and possibility of Public Consultation.

7123322 Cllr Jones proposed to defer any recommendation and to contact the PCC and ask further questions, which was seconded by Cllr Hine and with one against the motion was approved by a majority.

8. Projects identified for Local CIL funding by Town Council Committees:

None

9. Framlingham Infrastructure Investment Plan: (Identifying and prioritising infrastructure)

9.1 January update /Local CIL expenditure

The next update would be in April.

10. Strategic Plan:

Annual Review – agenda item next meeting.

10.1 Transport Strategy Group:

Cllr Eastwood reported that the Group had met this week and the next meeting would be held on 11th April with the aim to re-focus and look at the process. The non-councillor member would be investigating cycling groups.

11. People & Places – Draft Framlingham Town Centre Forward Framework:

11.1 ESTI funding update :

Cllr Jones noted that the application had been successful and the Town Clerk/RFO confirmed the £10,000 had been banked.

11.2 ESTI Action Plan requirements:

Cllr Hine noted that a checklist of projects to be funded by the grant would be published on the website.

11.3 ESC Events and Young People Engagement Project:

It was noted that ESC had been successful with its application to New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership (NALEP) for the project. The funders liked the concept and how it was using real time data from the footfall sensors and linked to wider projects like the People and Places research and town centre support activity. Once the NALEP contract is signed the procurement process for the consultant will begin. ESC would welcome the Town Council and FBA to be involved in this project hope that it will help shape some of the Town Council's work looking at events in the town and the ambitions to have a events coordinator.

A meeting would be set up to discuss the project along with thoughts on the consultant and community consultation.

11.4 ESC Town Development Co-ordinators update

It was noted that an update had been received from ESC on the posts recently appointed to ESC. These posts will provide additional support to the Economic and Development Teams in their work to enhance all of East Suffolk's towns.

12. Changing Places toilet provision update:

It was noted that the opportunity for funding for the project had probably passed. However, as Cllr Cook had kindly agreed to investigate why there had been no response to the application, it was agreed for the Town Clerk to request an update.

13. Accessible viewing platforms for disabled people for the Mere:

Update on communication with Framlingham College and SWT.

It was agreed for the Town Clerk to request an update from the SWT South East Suffolk Warden.

14. Correspondence:

14.1 Framlingham Community Garden:

Email thanking the Town Council for the recent grant. Noted

15. Welcome Back/New Burdens Funding from ESC:

It was noted that the Welcome Back Fund project was originally proposed for a welcome back event over summer of 2021, but due to the delay in rolling this out there had been no opportunity to pursue. The project had now been re-named New Burdens Fund and would be rolled out for the current year.

The funding allocations below were noted and actions agreed.

4 x portaloos – Not required and could be re-allocated to other towns

6 x Wheelie bins and 2 x 1100 L Bins – More information requested on whether these were purchased or rental and the timeframe – potential use for Christmas event.

All litter/dog bins emptied 3 times a day - Agreed – timeframe to be established.

4 x Picnic Benches – Pageant Field – Agreed and would take more if available

16. Community Governance Review:

East Suffolk Council – deferred from Full Council 2022-03-03

To consider communication regarding a Community Governance Review and to agree a response by the deadline of 1st April along with a retrospective recommendation to Full Council.

16123322 Cllr Jones proposed to respond to ESC requesting that the Community Governance Review considers increasing the number of Framlingham Town Councillors from 11 – 13 at the next election in 2023 and to note that the Town Council is happy with the other existing arrangements:

- Creating, merging, altering or abolishing parishes
- The naming of parishes and the style of new parishes
- The electoral arrangements of parishes such as parish warding
- The grouping of parishes under a common parish council or the de-grouping of parishes

and due to the strict deadline of 1st April for responses for this recommendation to be retrospectively approved at the next Full Council meeting on 6th April, which was seconded by Cllr Williamson with all in favour

17.Action Plan:

Cllr Jones would complete the updates and return to the Town Clerk.

18. Matters of Report and items for the next agenda:

Strategic Plan – annual review – next meeting

19. Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 13th April 2022 at 7:00pm Meeting Closed: 20.02

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