

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 13th April 2022 at 7.00pm

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

1. Apologies:

None, all present.

2. Present:

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

3. In attendance:

Mrs Eileen Coe (Town Clerk/RFO) Mr James Overbury (DTC) and two members of the public in person and one on Zoom

4. Declarations of interest:

Cllr Hine declared an non-pecuniary interest in item 7.1 and signed the Interest Book.

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

5113422 Cllr Jones proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd March 2022 be approved as an accurate record, which was seconded by Cllr Eastwood and with one abstention due to absence all were 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.

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Cllr Jones clarified two points raised and noted that it was difficult to digest comments made by members of the public when verbally raised and often spoken quickly at the meeting. He requested that the points and issues raised be put in writing in order that they can be properly addressed and an informed response provided.

Cllr Jones noted that the advice from ESC was that the project is classed as 'Essential Infrastructure' in the CIL Spending strategy

Cllr Jones noted that the additional funding source is identified in the Agreement as the £700k of ESC CIL funding.

Cllr Jones noted that other questions raised would be addressed as part of the meeting, and reiterated his request for questions to be put in writing.

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 reported that at the last meeting it was agreed to write to the PCC asking the following questions:

1 The application lists other funders that you have approached showing the possibility of £152,831. Can you please provide an up to date situation?

2 What exactly will the £100k grant requested be used for?

3 Can you confirm that this grant request is the final request?

4 If the funding in total, is not in place by the required deadline - what action will the PCC take?

5 When will the grant of £100k need to be paid?

6 Currently the duration period expires in 2049 i.e only 27 years from now - Would the PCC agree to the duration period being extended to 2069 as a condition of approving the £100k grant?

Cllr Jones read the response from the PCC in full, a copy of which would be appended to the file copy of these minutes.

Cllr Jones proposed to adjourn the meeting to enable Councillors to ask questions of the PCC representative present, which was agreed.

There followed a question and answer session.

Cllr Jones proposed to re-convene the meeting which was agreed.

There followed some discussion relating to the project including available CIL funding, legal advice and public consultation options.

Cllr Garrett felt the application should be deferred to Full Council for consideration but Cllr Jones felt it was the remit of the Committee to fully consider the application and make a recommendation to Full Council.

Cllr Eastwood proposed to recommend approval to Full Council a sum of £60k, which was not seconded.

Cllr Hine proposed to recommend approval to Full Council a sum of £75k, which was not seconded.

There followed some further discussion.

7113422 Cllr Jones proposed to recommend approval to Full Council to grant a sum of £100k to Castle Community Rooms from Local CIL, subject to clarification of legal advice from ESC and consultation with the public on the matter in a form of a survey, which was seconded by Cllr Hine and with 3 in favour and 2 abstentions the motion was carried.

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Cllr Garrett explained that though he supports that the matter should be considered by the Full Council, he had not yet determined whether to support the application itself and therefore abstained in the vote.

7.2 FAYAP - £37,600

FAYAP Centre internal refurbishments

It was noted that there was insufficient information in the application and it was not clear why the last CIL grant remains partially unspent. There appeared to be no match funding, and no other funders had been approached.

It was felt that as there was a strong connection with the Framlingham Baptist Church who would benefit from the refurbishments they should also be approached for funding.

A schedule of the environmental improvements was also required.

It was agreed for Cllr Jones and the Town Clerk to meet with FAYAP to gather further information and report back to the next meeting.

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

None.

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

9.1 April update to be completed by Cllr Jones. The Town Clerk would provide the updated CIL expenditure.

10. Strategic Plan:

10.1 April update – Cllr Jones would consult with Chairs of Committee's for comments on the strategic actions to date.

10.1 Transport Strategy Group – Update

Cllr Eastwood noted that a meeting had taken place and another was planned. Progress had been halted as continued discussions were being held with SCC, but more recently there were signs of moving forward.

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

11.1 ESTI

Cllr Jones noted that as advised at the last meeting the £10k funding had been approved and five projects identified. Implementation of the projects had been discussed at the last CEP Committee meeting and project budgets created. A Tourist Information Centre within the Library had been identified but was felt too expensive to proceed.

12. Changing Places toilet provision update:

The Town Clerk reported that a response had been received from DCllr Cook confirming that the funding opportunity closed at the end of September 2021 and that Framlingham's application was not included. However, he has been assured by ESC that if the fund is re-

opened the Town Council will receive a direct invitation to apply.

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

Update on communication with Framlingham College and SWT.

The Town Clerk reported that she had made contact with the South East Suffolk Warden and would pursue a response in time for the next meeting.

14. Correspondence:

None.

15. Welcome Back/New Burdens Funding from ESC:

The Town Clerk reported that she was waiting for an update on supply and delivery of the picnic tables for the Pageant Field.

16. Action Plan:

No updates required.

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

None

18. Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 7:00pm

Meeting closed at 20.33