

Minutes of the Strategy and Development Committee Meeting held on Wednesday July 27th 2022 at 7.00pm in The Town Council Meeting Room.

1. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr M Benbow

2. PRESENT:

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

3. IN ATTENDANCE:

J Overbury (Deputy Clerk), three members of the public in person and one via Zoom.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllr Hine declared an 'Other recordable interest' in item 8.2 Castle Community Rooms.

Cllr Hine read out a statement regarding the new process and rules for declaring interests.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

SAD 2022-07-27 1 Cllr Jones proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as a true record of the meeting which was seconded by Cllr Eastwood with all in favour.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: The Chair adjourned the meeting.

One person commented on the agenda item regarding the surgery and requested a further adjournment if required. Cllr Jones agreed to do so if required. A person commented on the FAYAP funding request, use of the Pavilion and in opposition to the funding of the CCR rooms. A person requested that the Town Council support formally the work of the Pharmacy. Cllr Jones responded to these points and added that he would look into what the Town Council could do to support the Pharmacy. A person read out some observations about the Town Council funding the CCR project. Cllr Jones responded and would look into the issues raised.

Cllr Hine read a statement regarding her support of the Town Council further funding of the CCR project.

7. ENABLING LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

7.1 Framlingham Surgery

Cllr Jones outlined the history of FTC's involvement with the surgery, and the reasons for circulating the link to the survey which measured the public perception of the performance of GPs across Suffolk.

Cllr Jones adjourned the meeting for further public comment.

A member of the public who was also a member of the Patient Participation Group (PPG) outlined their knowledge and workings of Framlingham Surgery, and the current situation it was facing. Cllr Jones questioned how FTC could work with the surgery to help them. It was agreed that working more closely would help and if possible a FTC representative on the PPG may assist. The member of the public agreed to raise this at the next PPG meeting. Others present in the public voiced the view that there were similar issues facing NHS dentists when it came to patients seeing a lesser qualified person for routine appointments, than a dentist or doctor.

Cllr Jones Re-convened the meeting.

Cllrs Garrett, Jones and Hine added their comments about their experiences with the surgery.

7.2 Framlingham Library

Cllr Hine reported on the meeting she attended at the library where senior members of the Suffolk Library Service were present. Cllr Hine reported that the Suffolk Library Service had reported a £400,000 deficit last year which has been met through reserves but that position was not sustainable. Whilst Framlingham Library had signed a lease for a further two years, the revenue budget for Framlingham Library had yet to be agreed. Cllr Hine would circulate the notes of the meeting and it was agreed that further meetings with the library should be arranged.

7.3 Framlingham Scouts and Guides

It was understood that they were seeking to relocate the Scout and Guide HQ in Framlingham and to maximise the revenue from its existing premises to help pay for the move. Once the design plans are costed it is their intention to commence fund raising activities including a possible CIL bid.

7.4 Councillors allocation of organisations to foster.

It was agreed that the DTC and Cllr Jones would meet to draw up a list of organisations with the contact details and circulate to councillors.

8. APPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL CIL FUNDING:

8.1 Existing applications

8.1 FAYAP

Two meetings had been held with FAYAP and it had been agreed that they re-submit their funding application with more details. It was noted that they are renegotiating their lease with SCC.

8.2 Castle Community Rooms

Cllr Hine left the meeting for this agenda item.

SAD 2022-07-27 2 Cllr Jones proposed to recommend to Full Council that following legal advice, Framlingham Town Council funds the Castle Community Rooms project with an additional £100,000 from local CIL, which was seconded by Cllr Eastwood, and with two abstentions and two votes in favour the motion was carried.

8.2.1 To consider budgetary and legal implications of any further contract and timescales

It was agreed to put this motion directly to Full Council.

Cllr Hine re-joined the meeting.

9. NEW PROJECTS IDENTIFIED FOR LOCAL CIL FUNDING BY TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

9.1 Improvements and repairs to Pigs Meadow footpath.

Due to the urgency of this work, it was agreed to propose a motion to undertake these works.

SAD 2022-07-27 3 Cllr Jones proposed to spend £340.00 of Local CIL on improving Pig's Meadow Footpath, which was seconded by Cllr Eastwood with all in favour.

10. DIGITAL WELCOME PACK

Cllr Jones reported that he was awaiting feedback from the FBA and would send a reminder.

11. FRAMLINGHAM INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PLAN: (IDENTIFYING AND PRIORITISING INFRASTRUCTURE)

Cllr Jones reported that the next update was being prepared and would be published at the end of July/early August.

12. STRATEGIC PLAN:

12.1 Transport Strategy Group – Update

Cllr Jones reported that the last meeting had to be abandoned and would be rescheduled.

12.2 12 month review of Strategic Plan

The review document had been circulated to all Councillors and a deadline for responses had been set.

13. ACCESSIBLE VIEWING PLATFORMS FOR DISABLED PEOPLE FOR THE MERE:

The DTC reported that he was seeking an alternative date for a site meeting with SWT.

14. ESC C-CARE YOUNG PEOPLE TOWN CENTRE PROJECT

Cllr Jones updated the meeting on the project.

15. CORRESPONDENCE.

15.1 From ESC requesting photographs on CIL funded infrastructure.

Cllr Garrett volunteered to take the relevant photographs.

16. ACTION PLAN:

Cllr Jones would be updating the plan.

17. MATTERS OF REPORT

Cllr Hine reported that the CEP Committee were writing to all retailers asking for their contact details so communication could be arranged directly with them.

Cllr Hine reported that information on the Community Garden's activities had been requested. The DTC reported that the Garden was to be considered for a quality of place award in 2023.

Cllr Jones reported that it had been agreed to move determining Community Grants to the SAD committee – and this would be on the next agenda.

18. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Revising the CIL application form.

FTC Community Grants.

19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be at 7:00pm on Monday 26th September.