

MINUTES OF THE TOWN PLAN COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 6 DECEMBER 2021
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL AT 6:30PM

PRESENT: Councillors: Julie Tucker (Chair), Sue Amor, Andrew Dyke, Robert Hale
Co-opted
Members: Robin Walker, Gill Pawson

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors: Julie Haines, Tim Haines

Mr Marcel Zidani and Kay McGowan

OFFICERS PRESENT: Francesca Pridding (Town Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Pat Clifford, Alan Booth, Mark Goodge

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Town Plan Committee for 20th September 2021.

The Chairman advised that since the last meeting, Bruce Taylor had resigned from the committee and any ideas for who may be interested in being on the committee to be forwarded to the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED: To approve with Julie Tucker proposing and Andrew Dyke seconding the motion

4. PRESENTATION BY MARCEL ZIDANI – The Evesham Boardwalk Proposal

A presentation shown to Members regarding a proposal for an “Evesham Boardwalk” to sit on the bank of the River Avon near the rowing club. It was envisaged that the boardwalk, although in its early infancy, would be a floating structure which would house small stalls/cafes, a quiet place to sit and contemplate and be an attraction to Evesham. Mr Zidani was asking for support for a feasibility study to see if the proposal could go forward. The sum required would be approximately £1000 and could come from the Town Plan committee. Avon Navigation Trust had been consulted and were very supportive of the idea. Members were keen that Wychavon District Council (as landowners) and Evesham Rowing club were consulted before any money is committed.

RESOLVED: To investigate further as per discussion and return to a future meeting with more information.

5. BATTLETON BROOK UPDATE

Julie Tucker advised that most of the project had now been completed with just planting to finish.

6. ACTIVE TRAVEL REPORT

Robin Walker advised that 2 consultations were open at WCC. The Hampton Bridge and the LCWIP. Two consultations had taken place in Evesham, one at the town hall and one at Hampton Scouts hut. Both events had been well attended. Robin Walker suggested that any town councillors who would like to make a comment should contact him directly.

Clerks note: Following the meeting it was decided that ETC should formulate its own response which it did after the Planning and General Purposes meeting on 20 December to comply with WCC deadlines.

7. INWARD INVESTMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

No report was submitted

8. ANTI-LITTER UPDATE

Julie Tucker advised that the litter problem in Evesham had become worse since FCC's diversion of street cleaning personnel over to refuse collecting as reported in the previous meeting. However, the "Adopt a Street" campaign lead by WDC had seen around 700 households sign up to help remove litter. It was asked if funding would be available for a new litter collecting cart to help with the separation of litter for recycling and non-recyclable litter.

RESOLVED: To purchase a new litter collecting cart with Andy Dyke proposing and Julie Tucker seconding the motion.

9. COP26 EVESHAM

The event held in the last week of October was extremely well received. 46 suggestions were made by the public on how Evesham can help with climate change and these suggestions will be brought to the next meeting of Greening Evesham Framework Working Party.

It was noted that Evesham Adventure Playground had bought a Bike Bus which was in use at the COP26 Event. It proved very popular.

The bike, seating 10 is covered and is driven by cycle power is to be used to transport children from school to the After School Club.

10. GREENING EVESHAM FRAMEWORK

Julie Tucker advised that progress was on-going and further reports will be made to future meetings.