



EVESHAM TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE TOWN PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2022
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, EVESHAM TOWN HALL AT 6:30PM

PRESENT: Councillors: Julie Tucker (Chair), Robert Hale, Alan Booth, Nigel Deacon and John Clatworthy
Gill Pawson, Robin Walker

ALSO PRESENT: Caroline Tredwell, Place Project Officer for Evesham

OFFICERS PRESENT: Jo Adams, Town Clerk

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Bill Kimberley, Sarah Schaathun and Mark Goodge.

2. Declarations of pecuniary or other interests

There were none.

3. Minutes of the Meeting of the 4TH July 2022

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th July 2022 be adopted as a true record subject to the amendment of Mr Knight's job title to Place Project Manager.

4. To co-opt an additional member to the committee

It was agreed to seek an additional member from the community, focusing on schools, Evesham College and the Adventure Playground and *Our Side* based at Bengeworth House.

5. River Pier Proposal

A request had been made for a grant of £495. The project concerned a proposal for a pier-like structure to be installed along the river and huts built to provide craft and entertainment amenity for visitors to Evesham. The committee had previously agreed to fund £980 for a topographical survey for the proposal, subject to support being obtained from the Avon Navigation Trust and advice from Wychavon. Wychavon had advised that a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal would also be required as a minimum and this had been costed at £495.

The committee decided that no more financial support would be given without further information on the proposal, a business plan and an indication that the proposal was supported by the public.

6. Report of the Town Plan Review Open Event

Cllr Tucker reported that the event had been well-attended and there had been many useful comments made. Cllr Tucker would collate the responses to bring to the next meeting.

7. Evesham Place Project Officer Update

Caroline Tredwell reported on updates related to the visions set out in the new town prospectus. An ambassador programme was being set up to sit alongside the Place Board. This group of stakeholders would meet with the Place Board to share ideas.

Investigations were being made into an accessibility audit for Evesham. This would include the ease by which people could access information before visiting Evesham as well as the physical streetscene when they arrived. Issues such as access to the town for visitors and availability of car parks would be looked at, and provision for cyclists and walkers also. Feedback from committee members was requested.

8. Transport matters:

a) Active Travel Update

Robin Walker reported that the cycle path from Evesham to the Valley had stalled due to a financial shortfall and a legal challenge. The Evesham Velo Park would open in late October and include a closed road circuit, a pump track and cyclocross features.

The National Cycling and Walking Plan had been amended following public consultation; the new plan would go to consultation again in autumn. Evesham Adventure Playground had submitted an application for funding on Spacehive.

There had been some improvements to footpaths in the town through the Four Pools estate, at Davies Road and clearance of undergrowth at Hinton Cross.

b) Bus Travel

Cllr Tucker represented the town council on the Vale Public Transport Group. She reported that the chairman of the group had created a report listing items of concern among bus services locally. This is to be sent to the executive member for Active Travel at the county council. Cllr Tucker recommended that the Full Council's support be requested for the report in the hope that it would add weight to calls for improvement to bus services, links between services and publicity for bus provision.

9. Battleton Brook Update

The new bird boxes had been found and occupied by birds since their installation. Jubilee trees were awaited. Some of the plug plants had not survived the summer drought and a few trees had been lost too. The interpretation boards were yet to be designed and created.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Date of next meeting: Monday 5th December 2022

CLLr Julie Tucker
Chairman