



Coleford Town Council

Regeneration Committee Wednesday 22 July 2020 Minutes

Attendees: Cllrs Penny, M Cox, S Cox, Barnham, Drury & Elsmore
R Morgan FoDDC
B Watkins GCC Highways joined at 12.14 pm
Mrs C Taylor Public

1. Apologies were noted from Cllr Kay
2. There were no declarations of interest on items on the agenda
3. There were no dispensation requests
4. The minutes of 19 February 2020
5. There were no matters arising from the minutes of 19 February 2020

6. To take comment from the public forum

Mrs Taylor raised her concern about the Lidl boundary saying the the footpath had been reinstated by the contractor and sufficient room had been left for the planting of trees. This meant the cost of reinstating the pavement would be reduced. She asked if there had been any movement of the decision to install trees. The Clerk reported that an application had been made for 250 trees and the Chair report that he was awaiting a response from GCC Highways. Mr Watkins said he would inspect the area to see if there was sufficient room for the trees. He also confirmed that the cost of £15,000 to reinstate the pavement had probably been reduced.

There was a wide ranging discussion about some aspects of the works on the Lidl site. Cllr Penny asked for these issues to be raised at the next Planning Committee

7. To review the revitalising our town action plan (v5) and agree themed working groups

There was a comprehensive discussion about the possible themes for the groups.

Recommendation

That 4 themes working group are formed which report back to the Regeneration Committee for recommendation to Full Council. That the working parties meet in the near future.

They should be

- Marketing the Town,
- Transport & infrastructure
- Town centre management
- Cycling & Walking

8. To make recommendation re next phase of work with University of the West of England

There was a comprehensive discussion concerning the 2 possible routes for the work with UWE

Recommendation

That the Council continue to work with the university to determine the correct course of emphasis for the next project

9. To make recommendation re next steps with the recruitment of the Town Centre Manager

Recommendation

That the Town Centre manager will be appointed during this financial year

That Cllr Penny's report is agreed and the Council engage the services of an the independent consultant to deliver a bespoke piece of work for Coleford within agreed timescales to lead to an action plan for the town.