



Coleford Town Council

Regeneration Committee Wednesday 20 January 2021 Minutes

Attendees: Cllrs Elsmore, M Cox, S Cox, Drury, Penny and Barnham
Richard Morgan, FoDDC, and Mr Williams (member of the public)

1. Apologies were received from Cllr. Johnson, and B Watkins GCC Highways
2. There were no declarations of interest re: items on the agenda
3. There were no dispensation requests
4. The minutes of 18 November were noted and approved

Cllr. Elsmore signed a copy of the minutes

5. To raise matters arising from the minutes of 20 November 2020

Item 5: Cllr. M Cox updated on outstanding actions re: Woodland Trust, and still some, approx. 10, to plant.

6. There were no member of the public present

7. To have an update re: Town Centre manager (TCM) role

Cllr. Penny summarised, and presented the TCM recruitment documents, in light of the recruitment exercise now having gone 'live' this morning, explaining the timeline, and what now needed to happen re: panel.

8. To make recommendation re: Town centre Markets operating model

Cllr. Barnham updated on the licence application process and, after further discussion, it was proposed that:

Recommendation:

That Cllr. Barnham progresses with the licence application, to FoDDC, and for the town council to engage businesses, and stakeholders, and plan schedule of market activities, once the licence has been granted.

9. To make recommendations re: UWE student presentation

Cllr. M Cox summarised, and reported on the UWE presentation and, after further discussion, it was proposed that:

Recommendation:

The UWE activity is scheduled as a regular agenda item, on this committee, and to take forward, as a feasibility study, from March 21 onwards, coinciding with the appointment of the TCM

10. To have an update from the Regeneration Working Groups Re: Actions

WG1: Town Centre Management

Cllr. Penny stated that a meeting is to be scheduled to discuss the 'People & Places' report in February.

WG2: Transport & Infrastructure

Nothing new reported, and activities progressing

WG3: Marketing the Town

It was agreed that Covid, and 'lockdown,' had affected this work, and would be carried forward upon the appointment of the TCM, with a more strategic focus, and when the town comes out of 'lockdown' with more retail outlets re-opening.

Cllr. Penny reported on the Town Guide work, and that this should be ready for publishing in May.



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WG4: Walking & Cycling

Cllr. Penny reported on the current position regarding the seeming lack of appetite to regenerate the Town Centre / Pyatt Court precinct, and it was felt that this needed higher profile input. In turn, a meeting with the three District Councillors, representing Coleford was proposed.

Cllr. Elsmore updated on signposting, and signage, and it was agreed that this would be an aspect of the TCM role, in taking forward.

Meeting ended at 1.55pm