



Coleford Town Council

Regeneration Committee Wednesday 17 February 2021 Minutes

Attendees: Cllrs Elsmore, Penny, M Cox, S Cox, Penny and Barnham
Wendy Jackson

1. Apologies were received from Cllrs. Johnson, and Drury, Richard Morgan, FoDDC 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 20 January 2021 were noted and approved

Cllr. Elsmore signed a copy of the minutes

5. To raise matters arising from the minutes of 20 January 2021

Item 8: Cllr. Barnham updated re: market licence application and, after further discussion re: charging, it was unanimously agreed that, for the first year, the Country Markets, if the licence is approved, would not be charged, and to negotiate separately with Green Top on other (non-market, and other events).

Item 9: Cllr. M Cox updated re: UWE students, reporting that their final presentation has now been submitted, to their University assessors, and was presented to members. A request had been made by the students, for this to be published on their websites, and this request was noted, and agreed by members, noting that sensitive data had not been included.

6. There were no member of the public present

7. To have an update on the recruitment of the Town Centre Manager

Cllr. Penny updated and, it was noted that the publishing of the advert, for this post, had been widely circulated, including through the Association of Town Centre Management links. Cllr. Penny also reported, with disappointment, that the response had still been low, and to consider responses after the closing date of 19 February 2021.

8. To make recommendation re-joining the Association of Town Centre Management

Cllr. Penny summarised and, after further discussion, including comments from others, with first-hand experience, of the benefits of joining this organisation, it was unanimously agreed that:

Recommendation:

The town council join this organisation.

9. To note the date for the feedback from People and Places

Cllr. Penny summarised, and reported on a scheduled zoom meeting planned for 7.00pm, 1 March 2021, and would be extending an invitation to all traders, and councillors, and it was an open invitation, to engage all that were interested. Wendy Jackson stated would circulate the People and Places feedback, with the invitation, to appropriate colleagues in FoDDC.

10. To focus on Walking and Cycling initiatives

- **To make recommendation re our cycling priorities for the Parish**
- **To make recommendation re how we can work with Sustrans to progress these priorities**
- **To receive an update on Walkers are Welcome accreditation status**



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Cllr. Penny summarised and, after further discussion, particularly on the cycle pathway routes, with clarification, it was recognised that there needed to be some setting of priorities, for this aspect of regeneration, and it was proposed that:

Recommendations:

- 1. The 3 cycle routes are looked at, one by one, and set in an order of priority, as follows:**
 - (i) Old Station way to Clock Tower;**
 - (ii) SPP Pumps through to Puzzlewood**
 - (iii) Town Centre to Forest Holidays**

In taking forward priorities, in the first instance, the town council schedule a targeted meeting re: (i) above; with land owners e.g. FoDDC, and Clive Bath's office, local PCSO involved with anti-social behaviour, to assess the issues, needs of the route, and how it fits re: funding.

- 2. the town council continue to seek Sustrans involvement, despite no response to date, and to pursue John Grimshaw, as their involvement was still seen as important**

Re: Walkers are Welcome

Cllr. S Cox gave an update on the Walkers are Welcome exercise, and reported that covid still conspired against the collection of signatures, as there was no exemptions, and signatures still needing to be physically collected. Cllr. M Cox stated that the local group are pressing on, with perseverance to complete the collection of signatures, to then seek accreditation. It has also not been helped by the mentor, that had been allocated, had now stepped down, and wider advice from other accredited councils may be an option, for advice on how to progress
Walking events are, subject to covid restrictions lifted, still planned for scheduling asap. Which was noted as realistically not until September 2021

11.To receive an update from any other Working Groups

Cllr. M Cox asked for an update on the any transport activity, and Cllr Elsmore reported that there was nothing to report, from the last update.

Meeting ended 1.07pm