



Coleford Town Council

Regeneration Committee Wednesday 22 January 2020 Minutes

Attendees: Cllrs Elsmore, Barnham, M Cox, Penny, S Cox,
Ms W Jackson & Mr R Morgan FoDDC
Mr D Stuart & Ms R Byford Historic England
Mrs C Taylor

1. Apologies were noted from Cllrs Kay & Allaway-Martin, B Watkins GCC Highways
2. There were no declarations of interest on items on the agenda
3. There were no dispensation requests
4. The minutes of 16 December 2020 were agreed
5. There were no matters arising from the minutes of 16 December 19

6. To take comment from the public forum

Mrs Taylor requested to know if any progress had been made with the installation of the lime trees on Old Station Way. She was informed that it was within the system at the FoDDC

7. To hear feedback re the HAZ grant application.

Mr Stuart gave an explanation of the process that the council HAZ grant went through and stressed the independent nature of assessing the applications. Pointing out that one of the main criteria was the deliverability of the project within the 4 year time period.

The Council grant was less strong in its partnerships with other local authorities particularly GCC Highways which gave no firm commitment to the projects. This made the application vulnerable on its deliverability.

The monies available had been allocated to the 10 projects chosen so there was no opportunity to reassess the application.

The way forward could be to strengthen the relationships with all partners and to seek other funders are present the application to meet their specific requirements.

The FoDDC has a statutory responsibility to assess the vulnerability of the conservation area and if Coleford town was deemed to at risk this would bring the town council to the attention of Historic England. The assessment would take place in the next few months. The criteria for the assessment are the condition of the buildings, the vulnerability of the management and the trend. This is of importance because if on a downward spiral of becoming at risk this could be a crucial factor.

It was agreed that Ms W Jackson & Mr R Morgan would raise this with the FoDDC.

Ms Jackson would circulate the assessment process of the conservation area assessment

8. To make recommendation re the response to the CCRi report

It was agreed this was a document that may prove useful for the new appointment of a Town Centre manager but that it was not greeted with overwhelming enthusiasm

9. To have an update on the progress with the cycle path project

It was noted with regret Mr B Watkins inability to attend this meeting. It was agreed that he should be chased for the costings of the forward plans previously requested.

Recommendation

That Cllr Allaway- martin is asked to sit on this committee as a representative from Glos County Council and that a request is made for a representative from GCC Highways forward planning department is also invited as a permanent member of the committee



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10. To have feedback on the meeting with hauliers re traffic routes through Coleford

It was reported that this was a very positive meeting report attached

Recommendation

That a pilot study is held on the week 10 – 14 February when all lorries are asked on the out route to go via Staunton Road. During this week a traffic survey will be conducted by the committee

In Committee

11. To make recommendation re the appointment of a Town Centre manager

It was agreed that the steps determined at the previous meeting would be implemented.