

**DURSLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

MINUTES and REPORT of the MEETING of the TOWN IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE of the Council held in the **Dursley Library, May Lane, Dursley** at 7:30pm on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018 for presentation to the Council on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

PRESENT

Councillors: W Thomas (Vice-Chair), M Woodward, P Hayes and A Whitwell.

In Attendance: John Kay, Town Clerk; Leah Wellings, Deputy Town Clerk.

Absent: Cllrs M Nicholson, S Abraham.

In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair Cllr W Thomas assumed the role of Chair for the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors J Burdge, J Ball (both personal) and A Sheffield (personal – received after the meeting).

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

No requests for dispensations were received.

4. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no representations from the public.

5. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meetings of the Town Improvements Committee held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018, having been circulated among the members were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

6. CHAIR'S VERBAL REPORT

In the absence of the Chair the Vice-Chair had no matters to report.

7. RAILINGS ON CASTLE STREET

The committee received the update that the railings are scheduled to be installed this week, with works starting on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

8. TOURISM

a) Tourism Network

The Deputy Clerk provided an update on the Cotswold Edge & Severn Vale Tourism Network including the outcomes from the rennet steering group meeting. The wider Network Meeting will be held in November at The Swan Hotel in Wotton-under-Edge, this will include a speaker from Cotswold Tourism followed by a workshop. A newsletter to be produced highlighting recent events and initiatives that increased the areas coverage outside of Dursley e.g. Walking Festival and Cotswold Hares. The group are concern with changes at Stroud District Council, particularly the loss of the Tourism Officer position .

The group plan to engage with other including TIC managers and Can & Dursley Transportation Group. Whilst the existing members of the group are active, more volunteers are required to keep it sustainable, with the administrative work remaining with the Town Council.

b) Visitor Information Centre

The Committee considered the latest feedback from Gloucestershire County Council and the example agreements from other areas.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that an agreement should be drafted that can be approved by the Town Council and Gloucestershire County Council to allow for a 6-month trial period commencing in the Spring of 2019.

9. DRAFT COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN PROGRAMME

The draft Committee Action Plan Programme 2019–2022, circulated with the agenda was reviewed.

**IT WAS AGREED** that members of the Committee not present at tonight’s meeting should be invited to supply ideas for future projects.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to take the Committee Action Plan Programme 2019-22 to the full Council budget meeting on the 20th November 2017 for consideration.

10. DRAFT TOWN IMPROVMENTS BUDGET FOR 2019-2022

The draft Town Improvements budget for the year 2019-2022, circulated with the agenda, including 3-year forward planning was considered.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** for the draft budget, to be presented to the full Council budget meeting on the 20th November 2018 for consideration.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:08pm.

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Chairman

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Date