

DURSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES and REPORT of the MEETING of the TOWN IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE of the Council held in the Methodist Church meeting room at 6:30pm on Tuesday, 11th October 2022 for presentation to the Council on Tuesday 1st November 2022.

PRESENT

Councillors: D Savvidou (Chair), M Woodward, T Kinnison, P Hayes, D Cornell and T Stride

In Attendance: J Kay (Town Clerk) and L Wellings (Deputy Town Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs W Thomas (business), T White and J Rubin (both personal) provided their apologies for absence.

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no representations from the public.

4. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Improvements Committee held on Tuesday 12th July 2022, having been circulated among the members were taken as read, confirmed, and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

5. CHAIR'S VERBAL REPORT

The Chair reported that a bus shelter on Castle Street had suffered weather damage and that a panel would need to be replaced and she had attended a review meeting of the tenders received for the Market Town Tourism Brief.

6. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE OF AN ART PROJECT FOR THE STONE BUS SHELTERS ON KINGSHILL ROAD

The Deputy Clerk has been in contact with Rednock School who are keen to host a competition for students to submit designs. Ideas from shelters located in Stroud and Fowey, Cornwall had been provided as examples. Adult helpers would be required to adapt the winning designs for painting and the supervision of the project which would be an out-of-school activity.

7. REGARDING TOURISM INITIATIVES, TO RECEIVE UPDATES.

a) The Visitor Information Centre (VIC) Trial at Dursley Library

There has been no recent update on the library manager position of VIC updates.

b) The Stroud District Smartphone Trails App Pilot Project

The Trails App has been getting advertised with the Preloved & Vintage app scheduled to go live in November. A Cam Peak walking trail is now available.

c) Visit Dursley Group

It was noted that there are a number of Halloween events coming up, Visit Dursley have been advertising the events. The annual Dursley Welcomes Walkers festival has just been

held, but it was too early to have received an update on numbers.

d) The Stroud Market Town Councils Tourism Brief project

The selection process for interview has been completed. The Deputy Clerk will be representing Dursley Town Council at the interviews on 14th October 2022.

8. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE PLANNED MAINTENANCE OF THE WW2 MEMORIAL AT THE WAR MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND

The Town Clerk reported that Timbrell Decorators had been appointed to paint the memorial and gilt the lettering prior to the annual remembrance day commemorations. Timbrell Decorators have previously carried out similar works on the memorial plaques at St James Church.

9. TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT TOWN IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR 2023 TO 2026

The committee considered the budget and available reserves and agreed the following amendments to be put forward to Council on the meeting to be held on Tuesday 15th November 2022:

- a) A coronation budget of £2k for 2023/24
- b) The art project for bus shelters to be added to the project list.
- c) Heritage signage to be considered at suitable locations in the town.
- d) Increase budget to £2k (Budget Code 480)
- e) Increase tourism budget to £3k. (Budget Code 491)
- f) Potential future projects include traffic survey of Parsonage Street, charge points for electric bikes and cars.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7:10pm.

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Chairman

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Date