

Whiteley Town Council

Strategic Development and Policy Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held in the Council Rooms at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on 12th November 2014 at 8.30pm.

Committee members present Mike Evans (Chairman), David Jenkins (Vice-Chairman), Malcolm Butler, Tasmin Smith.

Parish Councillors John Butter, Chris Wye, one member of public, Town Clerk Nicki Oliver.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Colin Bielckus
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None.
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public** Not required.
4. **Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:**

4.1 To review issues concerning proposals for North Whiteley and reports to be made to the North Whiteley Development Forum – proposal to deliver an information leaflet to residents and businesses. **Dates for the exhibition have been agreed, an insert to be added to the North Whiteley newsletter and arrangements for delivery to be made.**

4.2 To review issues concerning Whiteley Village redevelopment – cinema proposals **Newsletter due to be delivered with an update on the project and details of some out of hours working required.**

4.3 To review Broadband availability issues for Whiteley residents **No further news.**

4.4 To progress campaign to secure the opening of Yew Tree Drive to all car users **Hampshire County Council agreed to keep the route open at a meeting held on 4th November, subject to planning approval from Fareham Borough Council.**

4.5 To make recommendations to Full Council regarding highways priorities for Whiteley / North Whiteley (Chairman) **The Chairman circulated a paper detailing the work carried out to campaign for additional road links for Whiteley over the years. It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that priority is given to pursuing the early opening of Bluebell Way onto Botley Road. Government funding is in place for this together with improvements to Whiteley Way. This meets the Council's requirements for improved access and resolves emergency planning issues for residents living off Marjoram Way, Thyme Avenue and Bluebell Way.**

4.6 To progress an emergency plan for Whiteley – to review priorities in view of agenda item 4.5 above **Plan to be reviewed and updated.**

4.7 Proposal to prepare a town plan – update on survey (Clerk) **Over 400 responses have been received. Clerk to draft plan.**

4.8 To update the Council and councillors' training and development plans **All Councillors to review their needs and check courses provided by HALC in 2015.**

4.9 To agree key objectives for the committee for 2014/15

It was agreed to recommend the following objectives to Full Council for adoption:

- 1. Continue planning with Winchester City Council (WCC), Hampshire County Council (HCC), North Whiteley Consortium and other bodies to establish immediate and future infrastructure requirements for development to the North of Whiteley including early extension of Bluebell Way and Whiteley Way and other affected routes, primary and secondary schools and sports facilities.**
- 2. Build and develop outline highways strategy for Whiteley including consideration of emergency planning issues.**
- 3. Continue to pursue devolution of services from principal authorities to Whiteley Town Council.**
- 4. Continue to work in partnership with Whiteley Shopping management to ensure that developments reflect local requirements.**
- 5. To work in partnership with Whiteley Businesses and to resurrect the Business Park Forum.**

4.10 To review and update policies:

4.10.1 Model Publication Scheme **Updated Scheme approved.**

4.10.2 Community Engagement Strategy **Updated Strategy approved.**

4.10.3 Council's Corporate Strategy **Refer to next meeting.**

It was agreed to update all policies to reflect the Council's name change and contact details changes.

- 5. To identify any unmanaged risks within this committee's remit** None.
- 6. Review effectiveness of communication, development of links with other community organisations and support for local democracy through making information more widely available** Newsletters to be circulated to all residents with updates on the cinema and North Whiteley developments.
- 7. Recent correspondence / reports from meetings of relevance to this committee** None.

Meeting closed 8.45pm