

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 16th July 2014 at 7.30pm.

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

Town Councillors: John Butter, Chris Harper, Chris Wye, three members of the public, Town Clerk Nicki Oliver

1. **To receive apologies for absence** None.
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None.
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**
Resident Brenda Hatch raised concerns that the North Whiteley Consortium were not planning to open Marjoram Way. **Chairman dealt with issue under item 4.1.** Resident Keith Slack repeated complaints about brambles growing over pavements. **Clerk advised the complaints had been raised with Winchester City Council.** Mr Slack also advised he had asked the NHS about improved access to GP provision for North Whiteley.

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 - Report from Forum meeting held on 3rd July 2014. **The Forum meeting provided an update on the planning work carried out to date.**

The Chairman and Clerk met with planners Terrence O'Rourke to determine more detail on some of the issues raised at the Forum. An LEP grant of £14 million has been secured by Winchester City Council to assist with connecting Whiteley to the wider transport network. Options are being costed by the North Whiteley Consortium including the early opening of Bluebell Way and improvements from the R2 roundabout to Junction 9.

WCC has advised that a TPO will be placed over North Whiteley.

The Consortium hope to submit an outline planning application in September, a public exhibition will be held beforehand.

It was agreed to circulate an information leaflet outlining the key stages of the North Whiteley proposals and advertising the exhibition.

4.2 To review issues concerning Whiteley Village redevelopment – cinema proposals. **Work is on track, the acoustic fence to the Bellway boundary will be completed in July, the steelwork will be completed by the end of August.**

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

4.4 To progress campaign to secure the opening of Yew Tree Drive to all car users. **Ongoing, no further news.**

4.5 To receive reports on feasibility of opening Marjoram Way and layout adjustments to Leafy Lane to deter business park traffic, report from meeting held with Cllr Woodward 1st July 2014 (Chairman) **The Chairman, Cllr Harper, Cllr Butler and Cllr Wye met with Cllr Woodward and representatives from HCC to discuss the findings of the feasibility study for the opening of Marjoram Way and traffic management for Leafy Lane.**

The estimated cost of £500K and resulting benefits of opening Marjoram Way needs to be weighed against the possibility of the early opening of Bluebell Way onto Botley Road. HCC has agreed to carry out a risk assessment for the current situation in conjunction with the North Whiteley Consortium.

Recent traffic counts show a significant reduction in traffic using Leafy Lane following the opening of Yew Tree Drive. HCC advised layout adjustments that have been requested by the council are unlikely.

4.6 To progress an emergency plan for Whiteley – to review priorities in view of agenda item 4.5 above (Cllr Harper) **Refer to next meeting.**

4.7 Proposal to prepare a town plan – to review draft survey questions (Clerk) **Draft survey to be circulated, anticipated delivery during August.**

4.8 To update the Council and councillors' training and development plans **Chairman and Clerk to progress plan.**

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** Updates on work carried out by this committee were included in the summer edition of the Whiteley Voice.

7. **Recent correspondence / reports from meetings of relevance to this committee**

September agenda item – review committee terms of reference

Meeting closed 8.45pm