

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 18th June 2014 at 8.10pm.

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

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

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Pat Thew
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None.
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**
Resident Keith Slack asked for an update on the continued opening of Yew Tree Drive. The Chairman advised that a meeting has been arranged with Cllr Woodward to discuss Marjoram Way and Leafy Lane, Yew Tree Drive will also be raised.
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 **The next Whiteley Forum is due to be held 6.30pm 3rd July.**
 - 4.2 To review issues concerning Whiteley Village redevelopment – cinema proposals **The second information leaflet has been delivered. The Chairman has been advised the footpath onto Meadowside is not a condition of planning permission for the cinema and will continue to be resisted. The Chairman and Clerk are invited to weekly meetings for updates on the progress of the cinema.**
 - 4.3 To review Broadband availability issues for Whiteley residents **Some commercial upgrading is taking place. The Hampshire grant funded upgrade works appears to be behind schedule.**
 - 4.4 To progress campaign to secure the opening of Yew Tree Drive to all car users **See item 3 above.**
 - 4.5 To progress an emergency plan for Whiteley – to review draft plan developed by Cllr Harper **It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that the plan be adopted. The Chairman thanked Cllr Harper for the work involved to produce the plan.**
 - 4.6 Proposal to design a new council logo **A design for a crest for use on minutes and headed paper was agreed.**
 - 4.7 Proposal to prepare a town plan – to review draft survey questions **Survey to be delayed until after the North Whiteley Forum on 3rd July.**

4.8 To update the Council and councillors' training and development plans
Councillors asked to submit outstanding plans.

4.9 Proposal to adopt revised Standing Orders as recommended by NALC
Revised Standing Orders were debated, amended and recommended to Full Council for adoption.

The need for councillors to attend meetings was discussed and the need for councillor commitment to their legal duty to attend. Committee to look at how this can be improved, formalised and managed.

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** Continue to monitor.
7. **Recent correspondence / reports from meetings of relevance to this committee** None.

Meeting closed 9.35pm