

FROME TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Matters Committee

Wednesday 10 February 2021 at 7.15pm
Zoom

Present:

Councillors: Richard Ackroyd, Ali Barclay, Rob Collett, Anita Collier, Maxine Crawley, Mark Dorrington, Anne Hills, Paul Horton, Andy Palmer (Chair), Steve Tanner, Scott Ward, Andy Wrintmore

In attendance:

Sheila Gore (FTC Cllr), Jenny Hartnoll (Mendip Health Connections) Johannes Moeller (Edventure), Janine Nash (MDC Cllr), Adam Boyden (MD Cllr), Drew Gardner (MDC Cllr), Martin Dimery (SCC Cllr), Shane Collins (MDC Cllr), Paul Wynne (Town Clerk), Peter Wheelhouse (Deputy Town Clerk), Kate Hellard (Community Development Manager), Rachel Griffin (Marketing and Communications Manager), Nikki Brain (Resilience Officer), Emma Parker (Project Officer), Beccy Byrne (Marketing and Communications Officer), Laura Flaherty (Executive Assistant to the Town Clerk and Mayor)

9 members of the public

Minute Ref	Agenda Item	Action
2021/01/TM	<p>The meeting started at 7.15pm</p> <p>1a. Apologies for absence Received from Nick Dove and John Nelson</p> <p>1b. Declaration of members' interests None was declared.</p> <p>1c. Minutes from the last meeting on 9 December 2020 The minutes of the Town Matters Committee meeting held on 9 December 2020 were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.</p> <p>Proposed by Maxine Crawley, seconded by Mark Dorrington, agreed unanimously.</p>	
2021/02/TM	<p>2. Questions and comments from the public and Cllrs Andy Palmer started by thanking Mendip District Council who FTC worked with extensively to get the Saturday market reinstated, and all staff at MDC who were working tirelessly with the vaccination programme. He also thanked Frome Chamber of Commerce for their support during the campaign. The Market would be open for business on Saturday 13th February for essential shopping.</p> <p>Janine Nash acknowledged there had been a communication problem between MDC and FTC. She confirmed that the MDC Cllrs were</p>	

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	<p>putting together proposals for improvements. FTC Cllrs thanked Janine and her fellow MDC Cllrs for her acknowledgement and all were keen to move forward and work together for the benefit of Frome.</p> <p>Anne Hills read out an email from Ros Wyke, Leader of MDC, confirming Boyle Cross would be transferred to FTC.</p> <p>Shane Collins noted the planning application at The Retreat would be discussed at the next MDC planning board meeting. He also shared a link to the appeal against Bristol airport expansion.</p> <p>Martin Dimery noted that the Government was expected to announce the next stage in the unitary process within the week.</p> <p>Rob Collett asked for an update on the consultation about road closure in Kings Street. Peter Wheelhouse confirmed it had been agreed with Cllrs to use the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan as a vehicle for the consultation. FTC were waiting to hear about the funding applied for from SCC. Cllrs had a brief discussion about when and what type of consultation to do.</p> <p>Rob also asked for an update on the Slow Ways initiative. Emma Parker confirmed that the project had been delayed because of the third national lockdown.</p> <p>Paul Horton raised his concerns about the narrow pavement along North Parade and the inability to social distance without stepping out into traffic. Sara Butler noted she and other had already spoken with Network Rail on two occasions about the concerns but were told it was the only option. Peter Wheelhouse confirmed he would investigate further to see if a solution could be found.</p> <p>Maxine Crawley extended an invitation to all Cllrs to the next vocational training group meeting in March. The meeting would be an opportunity for young people to speak about their experiences.</p>	PWh
2021/03/TM	<p>3. For information – Green and Healthy Futures Programme Nikki Brain, Jenny Hartnoll, Johannes Moeller, and Emma Parker gave a presentation about the programme that was being funded by the National Lottery.</p> <p>Ali Barclay suggested the group explore working with Openstorytellers to help with the story telling aspect of the programme.</p> <p>All Cllrs congratulated the team for their hard work and their success in securing the funding.</p>	

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	<p>Rob Collett asked how the project was connected to MDC policies? Nikki confirmed she was in regular contact with her counterpart at MDC, Hayley Warrens. Jenny Hartnoll was also in regular contact with Chief Executive, Tracey Aarons and often linked with projects such as warm homes. Johannes was particularly keen to encourage partnership working and linking with activities and projects already happening in the town.</p> <p>Peter Wheelhouse confirmed that all Frome Cllrs would be receiving an invitation to the launch event in April.</p>	
2021/04/TM	<p>4. For decision – Taking forward Participatory Budgeting via The People’s Budget: Events and The People’s Budget: Town vote into 2021/2022</p> <p>Rachel Griffin presented a summary of the report.</p> <p>Rich Ackroyd asked Rachel if the ‘your priorities’ could be more clearly branded? Rachel confirmed that they would be imbedded in everything FTC did and would be clearly accessible on the new website.</p> <p>The recommendation was to delegate authority to the Marketing and Comms Manager to progress both the PB: Events and PB: Town Vote as described in the report.</p> <p>Proposed by Anita Collier, seconded by Ali Barclay, agreed unanimously.</p>	
2021/05/TM	<p>The next meeting will be at 7.15pm on Wednesday 21 April 2021 (Zoom)</p>	

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.09pm