

MALVERN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

held on Thursday 20 April 2017

in the Council Chamber, Belle Vue Terrace, Malvern, at 6.00 pm

Councillors

Present

P Tuthill (Chairman)
H Campbell
J Campbell
M Fletcher
L Lambeth
P Mewton
J Thomas
D Watkins
R Yates

Absent

C Bovey (apologies)
J Cain (apologies)
M Campbell (apologies)
I Hopwood (apologies)
S Nichols (apologies)
J O'Donnell (apologies)
C Palmer (apologies)
B Regimbeau (apologies)
C Smith (apologies)
P Smith (apologies)

In attendance

Linda Blake – Town Clerk
Louise Wall – Minute Clerk
Charles Porter – Operations Manager

65. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs C Bovey, J Cain, M Campbell, I Hopwood, S Nichols, J O'Donnell, C Palmer, B Regimbeau, C Smith, and P Smith.

66. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

67. PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

No matters from the planning list were raised.

Committee members requested that they receive a regular update on the status of Town Council representations at Southern Area Development Management Committee meetings and what the final outcomes were.

68. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

It had been agreed by Full Council that this meeting would be held to consider and discuss the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

The draft Neighbourhood Plan had been circulated by email to all councillors on Tuesday 11 April 2017 with printed copies being available on request. Two councillors had requested a printed copy prior to the meeting.

Councillors present generally felt that the draft was well-thought out and it was recognised that a lot of work had been put into it. However, the following points were made:

UNADOPTED

- The length of the document is off-putting
- The look of the document is not eye-catching or innovative enough
- The content is not specific enough to Malvern and could be read as being applicable to any town

It was **AGREED** that more work is required to the plan before it is distributed to and shared with those outside of the council.

The Town Clerk informed members that a Stakeholder Consultation event had already been scheduled for 16 May and it was **AGREED** that this should be postponed until councillors had been given time to offer more input into the plan and its policies.

It was **AGREED** that:

- All councillors should be asked to read the draft plan with more copies distributed if requested
- All councillors should be asked to give comments on the content so far and also to submit any new ideas for policies, initiatives or inclusions that they would like to see included
- Comments should be returned to the Town Clerk by Tuesday 2 May and there would then be a Working Party meeting at 5.00 pm on Tuesday 9 May to collate ideas, before a meeting with the consultant on 16 May

Cllr H Campbell left at 7.15 pm

69. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Working Party meeting for Neighbourhood Plan comments – Tuesday 9 May at 5.00 pm

Next Strategic Planning meeting - Thursday 8 June 2017 at 6.00 pm

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm

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Cllr P Tuthill (Chairman)