

Minutes of Framlingham Town Council Strategic Planning Committee

held via Zoom on Wednesday 9th December at 7.00pm

All documents relevant for this meeting have been circulated to Councillors (Cllr) in advance

1.APOLOGIES:

Cllr S Garrett

2 Present:

Cllrs C Eastwood, M Hine, J Jones (Chair), G Kitching, P Wraight.

3 In attendance:

Eileen Coe (Town Clerk/RFO) and one member of the public (Nick Corke -HOUR Community/Mills Charity)

4. Declarations of interest:

None.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

5191220 Cllr Jones proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th November be approved as an accurate record and with one minor typo amendment, was seconded by Cllr Hine with all in favour.

6191220 The Chair proposed an adjournment for the next item which was agreed.

6. Public Comment:

One person noted that he had been made aware of the work the Town Council was doing with People and Places and wondered if this would form part of the Strategic Plan over the next five years and was quite upset and disappointed that he was unaware of this and had not been advised of the Town Council's involvement with People and Places.

Cllr Jones responded that he was sorry that he felt this way and noted that he had only just become aware of the significance of the People and Places himself, and gave sincere apologies that he had been unintentionally left out of the loop. The Town Council was in the very early stages of being involved and the next meeting with ESC and the People and Places Consultant would have a more detailed plan of what was involved in Framlingham and of course this could be shared with him.

6291220 The Chair reconvened the meeting.

7.Strategic Planning Forum

It was noted that following the last Forum held on 23rd November the final draft of the Strategic Plan incorporating the comments made by Councillors had been circulated.

However, Cllr Garrett had provided some further comments on suggested revisions which were considered and noted. Cllr Jones would discuss these matters further with Cllr Garrett and re-issue the amended plan to all Councillors for comment prior to approval by Full Council.

Cllr Wraight asked if there were any plans on how the Town Council would publicise the Strategic Plan and communicate with the public.

It was noted that the delivery of the Plan was an important issue but it was not at that stage to date.

8. Framlingham Infrastructure Investment Plan: (Identifying and prioritising infrastructure)

The FIIP had been published on the website and would need to be reviewed quarterly, with the next review in January 2021.

Cllr Hine agreed to draft a new item for the website relating to the FIIP.

9. Framlingham Integrated Transport Strategy:

Cllr Eastwood reported that he had received a response from three members of the team, and had produced a two page document which had been circulated to members of the Integrated transport group and was due to be discussed.

A Working Group including members of the public would be formed in due course

10. Housing Need:

Cllr Eastwood reported that a meeting had been held with representatives of the Housing Department and there appeared to be not a lot of demand for social housing in Framlingham, although ESC are trying to publicise it differently to encourage more people to apply.

It was noted that the system is quite thorough and they do try to get local people into social housing first. It was felt that this was best left to the experts at ESC.

11. People and Places

Cllr Jones, Cllr Garrett and Cllr Hine had attended a recent meeting with ESC and Chris Wade from People and Places.

It was noted that there were no surprises in the results of the People and Places town survey. There are funds available to the town for an Action Plan to 'revitalise' Framlingham and another meeting would be held in the New Year to better understand what it would entail and if the proposals were agreeable.

It was noted that this is not just a Town Council project but for stakeholders as well with £10,000 of funding available for the town centre.

It was agreed that all Councillors should get involved with this.

12. Correspondence:

None.

13. Action Plan:

Updates completed.

14. Projects identified for Local CIL funding by Town Council Committees:

None.

15. Matters of Report and items for the next agenda:

Cllr Hine reported that the Census would take place in March 2021.

It was noted that it would be another year before the results were published but this would not delay the review of the Neighbourhood Plan which was schedule to start early next year.

6.Date of next meeting: Wednesday 13th January 2021 7:00pm Via Zoom

The meeting closed at 19.45