

Framlingham Town Council



Minutes of the Strategy and Development Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 12th June 2024 at 7pm Town Council Meeting Room, 10c Church Street, Framlingham

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Garrett and Cllr Hine.

2. Present & In Attendance:

Cllrs Wraight (Chair), Eastwood and Knights.

Nick Corke joined the meeting at 7.04 pm and is a non-voting member of the SAD Committee.

In the absence of a Clerk, Cllr Wraight took the minutes.

3. Declarations of Interest:

None.

4. Minutes of previous meeting:

SAD-2024-06-12 1 Cllr Wraight proposed to accept the minutes of 8th May 2024 as a true and accurate record. This was seconded by Cllr Knights with all in favour.

5. Public comment:

No members of the public were present.

6. Applications for Local CIL funding:

6.1 Updates on existing or revised applications:

Scouts and Guides Headquarters – It was agreed Cllr Eastwood would arrange a further meeting with the Scouts and Guides and update the committee on the projects progress.

Framlingham Sports Club Floodlighting CIL application of £9,000 – Payment to the Sports Club has been made.

Proposal from the CEP committee – A revised application will be submitted, removing all road closure equipment and a clearer set of sound and light equipment to the next SAD committee meeting.

6.2 New applications to consider:

ESC play equipment at King's Avenue £25,000 – It was agreed to establish with ESC who owns the play area and clarify CIL rules before considering the application.

PCC to rebuild the churchyard boundary wall £75,000 – Guidance from ESC with regard to this application was considered. This would be considered at the next SAD committee meeting pending further information.

Old Theatre, Church Street – Cllrs Eastwood and Hine have a meeting with the owner on 13th June 2024.

6.3 It was generally felt that public views and ideas should be considered and that more publicity to encourage CIL applications was needed. Nick Corke

advised that Local CIL monies could be spent on the maintenance of TC owned green spaces, bus shelter seats, ponds and ditches.

7. Consider new projects identified for Local CIL funding by other TC committees:

Possible further applications may be forthcoming from the Sports Club.

8. Update on CIL monitoring:

An update on the Vardo project was received from the Hour Community.

9. Action Plan:

No further updates until September.

10. Consider process to review Health & Safety Risk Assessments:

It was agreed that Health & Safety Risk Assessments should be each relevant committees responsibility and in general be considered by the Finance and HR Committee.

11. Update on Framlingham Infrastructure Investment Plan (FIIP) to identify and prioritise infrastructure:

Cllr Wraight advised that the RFO had prepared updated financial figures for the FIIP and any updates could now be prepared and considered.

12. Neighbourhood Plan Review:

It was agreed a Housing Needs Survey would be necessary and a call for sites would be part of the review. A meeting for those interested in joining a NPR working group is to be arranged for Tuesday 25th June 2024 at 7pm (venue to be confirmed when numbers are known) and will be advertised on social media and the TC website.

13. Framlingham Flood Resilience and Recovery Working Group:

13.1 Feedback from working group meetings and updates on recommendations from the flood report - Cllr Wraight gave an update on the recent meeting and confirmed that although Cllr Benbow had recently resigned he will remain Chair of this working group which was making good progress.

13.2 Update regarding The Elms sheltered housing – Cllr Wraight reported that no further correspondence had been received from Newtide Homes. It was agreed that it was important our concerns have been registered should flooding occur in the future.

14. Receive an update from the Cemetery Working Group:

Cllr Eastwood advised that a meeting would be arranged at the Lands and Markets Committee on 13th June 2024.

15. Receive an update on the Mere viewing platform:

Cllrs Eastwood and Hine have had two site visits and quotes obtained a) £13,906 and b) £28,900 with a third quote being sought. It would be necessary to obtain more specific information on their specifications to be able to compare like for like. Cllr Eastwood advised that Suffolk Wildlife Trust and English Heritage were supportive and with the information now received, Historic England can now be

approached for obtaining their approval. Nick Corke suggested that if works on the Mere were to take place re flooding it would be prudent for parties to work together.

16. Consider strategy:

16.1 Co-op site Station Road – Cllr Wraight reported that the Co-op had responded and would be discussing and considering our proposal.

16.2 Westbury Centre – After a brief discussion, concerns were expressed regarding the value of the building after extensive flooding and the possible difficulty in insuring the building.

It was agreed that it would be more advantageous for the TC to purchase a TC office but an appropriate building would need to be identified and a business plan prepared.

17. Consider any correspondence received:

Any correspondence received was reported on previous items.

18. Matter of report:

There were no matters of report.

19. Items to be raised at the next meeting:

None.

20. Confirm the date of the next meeting:

Wednesday 10th July 2024 at 7pm.

The meeting concluded at 8.35 pm.