

Framlingham Town Council



Draft minutes of the Strategy and Development Committee

Meeting held on Wednesday 9th October 2024
at 7pm in the Town Council Meeting Room

1 **Apologies for absence:** None

2 **Present and in attendance:** Cllrs P Wraight (Chair), Hammond, Eastwood, Knights and Rose and N. Corke and one member of the public.

3 **Declarations of interest:** Cllrs Wraight, Hammond and Knights and N Corke declared an interest in item 6.2.2. Cllr Knights has a dispensation.

4 **Minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2024:** Proposed by Cllr Wraight, seconded by Cllr Eastwood that these be signed as an accurate record. Approved with one abstention.

5. **Public comment:** The Chair adjourned the meeting for public comment. A representative of the applicant spoke about a CIL application (item 6.2.1) and answered questions.
The Chair reconvened the meeting.

6. Consider applications for CIL funding:

6.1 Updates on existing applications:

6.1.1 Scouts and Guides headquarters. Cllr Eastwood gave an update on this application and a letter from East Suffolk Council was read out.

6.1.2 Proposal from CEP Committee. This has been withdrawn.

6.1.3 East Suffolk Council, play equipment for Kings Avenue. It was agreed to request more information on the local demand for this project and ESC survey results.

6.1.4 Application from the PCC for £75,000 to rebuild the churchyard boundary wall. Proposed by Cllr Eastwood, seconded by Cllr Rose to propose to full Council not to support this application. Agreed unanimously.

6.2 New applications

6.2.1 Refurbishment works on The Old Theatre, Church St. Cllr Eastwood reported meetings with the owners on 13th June and on 30th September.

The Chair suspended the meeting for further questions to be put to the representative of the owners present. It was agreed to look at the proposal again, possibly in December, when the organisation of the project was more advanced.

6.2.2 Application for 9 seater mini-bus, The Hour Community.

Due to declared interest, Cllrs Wraight, Hammond and Knights and N Corke left the meeting at this point. This left the meeting inquorate so it was agreed to refer the application to Council.

Cllrs Wraight, Hammond and Knights and N Corke returned to the meeting.

6.3 Consider carrying out a public consultation on possible CIL projects:

It was agreed to defer this until there was the possibility of more CIL monies.

7. New projects for CIL funding identified by Town Council Committees:

None.

8. Consider sites for EV chargers in the town: It was agreed to approach the Coop and East Suffolk Council (Fore St car park) to ask if they might be willing to install chargers. It was also agreed to make enquiries about lamp-post chargers.

9. Framlingham Infrastructure Investment Plan: No update

10 Neighbourhood Plan Review: The Chair gave an update. Rachel Leggett Consultants have been appointed to help with the plan. An application for funding has still to be made.

11 Framlingham Flood Resilience and Recovery group: Cllr Eastwood gave an update. Work is being done to bring together the various reports on the 2023 flooding into a single summarised document. A meeting on 8th October was attended by representatives of the Environment Agency, SCC, Framlingham College and a local farmers "cluster" group. The public meeting planned for this autumn has been postponed until January.

12 Youth provision in the town: The Council will respond to initiatives but has not the resource to lead any project. The Chair reported on FAYAP's AGM.

13 Viewing platform on the Mere: It was felt that more information should be sought on the need for this platform. It was agreed to put this project on hold at present in the light of Suffolk Wildlife Trust handing back the management of the Mere to the College and more information being obtained. Cllr Eastwood was asked to contact Historic England to ascertain their preparedness to allow a platform to be built.

14 Forward planning for a permanent Town Council office: There was some initial discussion but no definite suggestion or business plan has yet come forward. It was generally felt that it was a sensible way forward for the future.

15 Correspondence received: A letter has been received from the Coop confirming that they do not intend selling the former John Grose site.

16 Matters of report: None

17 Items to be raised at the next meeting: None

18 Date of next meeting: No date has been fixed due to the temporary suspension of Committee meetings in favour of a second monthly Full Council.

Meeting closed at 21.15