



Ottery St Mary Town Council

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING OF the Strategy Committee held on **Thursday 17 October 2024** at **16:00**. The meeting was held in the **Ottery St. Mary Town Council (8 Broad Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon, EX11 1BZ)**

Present: Cllrs Stewart Lucas (Chair), John Green (Vice Chair), Vicky Johns and Nick Sneller

In Attendance: Kerry Kennell, Town Clerk and one member of the public

Minute Taker: Kerry Kennell, Town Clerk

S/24/10/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Grainger (Mayor) and Cllr Stewart (Deputy Mayor).

S/24/10/02 DECLARATIONS AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

To receive Declarations of interest for items on the Agenda and receipt of requests for new Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) dispensations for items on the Agenda

Cllr Johns	No interests declared.
Cllr Green	No interests declared.
Cllr Sneller	No interests declared.
Cllr Lucas	No interests declared.

S/24/10/03 ADMISSION TO MEETINGS

In consideration of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted): to agree any items to be dealt with after the public and press have been excluded

It was **RESOLVED** that the supporting information relating to organisations finances will be discussed in Confidential Session in relation to Agenda item 8 Consideration of funding request from Ottery St Mary Cricket Club and Agenda item 9 Consideration of funding request from Action East Devon.

S/24/10/04 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To allow members of the public present to submit questions/comments for consideration
Individual contributions will be limited to 3 minutes

Chair's initials _____

There was none.

S/24/10/05 MINUTES

To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of the Strategy Committee of 27th June 2024 (*minute refs S24/06/01 - S24/06/12*) and to approve the signing of the Minutes by the Mayor as a correct record

The minutes of 27th June 2024 were reviewed and signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.

It was AGREED to bring Agenda Item 8 forward.

S/24/10/06 CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING REQUEST FROM OTTERY ST MARY CRICKET CLUB

Richard Lock from Ottery St Mary Cricket Club confirmed that they have obtained planning permission for the Ballstop Netting. This is something that needs to be done by the club to reduce the possibility of people being injured by cricket balls. Richard Lock reiterated that the Cricket Club is an important part of the town which has been established for over 150 years with over 200 members. Richard confirmed that the project cost for the replacement netting is £72,000.

The English Cricket Board will provide a five year interest free loan but will not provide a grant. It was noted that the project form was completed for the practice nets although this work has already been completed. Richard will complete a new project form for the Ballstop Netting.

It was AGREED that the Clerk will raise this with the EDDC Section 106 Officer. It was noted that open access may be a requirement if Section 106 funds are used.

The Committee recognise that the Cricket Club is a vital asset to the town.

S/24/10/07 TO CONSIDER FUTURE PROJECTS AND THEIR ALIGNMENT WITH THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL

A. To receive an update regarding the creation of a new Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk has been unable to secure quotations for this work. The Clerk will continue to try and obtain quotations for this work for a consultant to assist with reviewing and creating a new Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish of Ottery. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contacts West Hill to ask whether it is their view of their new Council to create a new Neighbourhood Plan for West Hill Parish alone remains their viewpoint or whether there is an appetite to update the existing Neighbourhood Plan with Ottery St Mary Town Council.

Chair's initials _____

- B. To consider any other future projects and make recommendations as appropriate

There were none.

- C. To agree next steps to publicise the Strategic Plan to the parish

The Clerk and Cllr Lucas will meet later this week to work on the information to share with the parish.

S/24/10/08 TO CONSIDER THE COUNCIL PROPERTY PORTFOLIO

Correspondence from a tenant at the Museum was noted. A meeting will be arranged with the Mayor and tenants of the building.

S/24/10/08.1 TO REVIEW SWOT ANALYSIS OF COUNCIL OFFICES AND THE MUSEUM

The Clerk and Cllr Lucas will carry out a SWOT analysis of the Council Offices and the Museum which will be circulated to members of the committee.

S/24/10/08.2 CONSIDERATION OF SOLAR PANELS AND THE INSTALLATION OF EV CHARGING POINTS AROUND THE PARISH

One quote has been obtained for solar panels on the Council Offices. Two further quotes will be obtained. It was AGREED that a full roof survey will need to be carried out.

A letter was noted from a resident regarding lack of EV charging points in the parish. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk will write to EDDC and Sainsburys to receive an update regarding their plans to install EV charging points.

The Clerk will contact larger companies to see if they are interested in a site in Ottery. The Station is a possibility but access would need to be carefully considered.

S/24/10/10 CONSIDERATION OF FUNDING REQUEST FROM ACTION EAST DEVON

It was AGREED that a meeting will be arranged with Action East Devon to discuss how their grant application has been impacted by their successful Lottery Fund grant.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that those organisations applying to the Strategy Committee for a grant should still have to meet the criteria of the Community Grants scheme.

S/24/10/11 TO NOTE ANY SPECIFIC CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Cllr Stewart had sent through information regarding funding available for the development of green spaces. It was AGREED this would be shared with the ELDC Committee.

S/24/10/12 TO RECEIVE ANY FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MEMBERS

There were none.

S/24/10/13 TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

Chair's initials _____

There were none.

S/24/10/14 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: TO BE CONFIRMED
Reports & Appendix 1

Meeting concluded at 17:30

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