



Minutes of the Meeting of the Strategy Committee held in the Community Office at 8pm on Tuesday 25th February 2020

Present:

Councillors:

Nick Hancock (NH) (Elected Chair at Agenda Item 1)
Andrew McAuley (AM) – Vice-Chair
Matt Reid (MR)
Ian Hill (IH)
Tim Horton (TH)
Terry Jackson (TJ)

Officer:

Kristina Tynan (KT)

Andrew McAuley chaired the meeting until a Chairman was elected.

- 14/20 Election of Chairman
IH proposed Nick Hancock and MR seconded. There were no other nominations
Resolved: That Nick Hancock be unanimously elected as Chairman.
- 15/20 Apologies for Absence
Rob Smith (on leave of absence)
- 16/20 Minutes
Resolved: That the minutes of the Strategy Meeting held on 28th January 2020 which were received by Council on the 11th February 2020 to be signed as a correct record.
- 17/20 Matters Arising
Fibre to the Premises (Minute 08/20 refers) – It was noted that Peter Richardson is shepherding this under the NPAB
- 18/20 Declaration of Interests
There were none notified.
- 19/20 Chair's Remarks
- 20/20 Strategic Plan
1. Notes from the Workshop held on the 25th January.
The notes were agreed.
- 2. Strategic Plan discussion** (attached to these minutes)
NH said that there has been so much good activity going on by various committees. The Master Plan alone has 56 activities which is a vast number of items that need work. Clearly all these need to be looked at to set the discipline for feasibility. Each item should be assessed, costed and the benefits they will bring to the community. This should reduce the dialogue on items that go back and forward. A template should be drawn up that can be used for the

feasibility study (MR had previously drafted one) so that we can consistency. NH will look at the SP and see if this can be simplified. Each activity needs to have a clear understanding of who is leading the activity. NH said that some topics are raised in many committees and this should not be the case as this then becomes confusing. NH will prepare a consolidation of the issues which were raised in the Workshop on the 25/1/2020. This does not stop new items being added in a coherent way.

TH said that issues need some blue sky thinking. Things that were endorsed in the last Council have not been adopted and endorsed by this Council.

More structure needs to be put in place and some form of assessment is definitely needed. MR suggested a simple Matrix so that progress on issues can be clearly seen.

All the things that go on in the Operations Committee are day to day activities and are seen as most important, so the Strategic Plan needs to run in parallel

TH said that there are some large issues which are taking up a lot of time and thought and these are not included in the Strategic Plan

AM said that we need to progress issues in a logical way. We need to have a lead responsible but who would not be expected to do all the work but to put together a team of people.

TH said KT is the Legal responsible officer and she should be chasing Councillors who are not progressing issues for which they are taking the lead. IH said that KT does do this. TH said that there are some bodies eg WCAG who could take on some of our climate change work and there should be more delegation away from the Council.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That Council adopt the attached Strategic Plan which will be reviewed every six months where items can be added or subtracted at any interval.

Actions

NH to put together a feasibility assessment paper
Lead People to be allocated to specific issues

21/20 Update on Current Actions

1. **Communications Group Plan** – This is on the Strategic Plan

2. **CCT** – This is a matter for the CCT Interim Group. No response from Greg Stacy has yet been received further to the letter from MR. A remit will need to be put together for the CCT Interim group.

Actions

IH to draft a remit and send to Members of this group prior to meeting.
KT will organise a meeting.

3. **Walking and Cycling: B4009 and M40 Hub** – The recommendation on this was approved at the February Full Council meeting.

Actions

TH and KT will inform and send letters to the relevant people and organisations.

4. **Little Orchard** – This is an Operations issue and should be an agenda item for their next meeting. Issues for them to consider:

- Valuation aspect
- To Contact SODC about the removal of the temporary fence as it should not be 6ft in a conservation area.
- The new footpath through this area.

Actions

KT to contact John Errington for an update prior to the Operations meeting

22/20 Items for Discussion

1. **Lighting in Watlington and 'Dark Skies'** – paper was attached from TH (held in office) – TH gave an overview of this issue. NPAB encouraging dark skies The Operations Committee are dealing with this issue.

2. **Watlington Parish Council Climate Action Plan** – NH and TJ to meet up to discuss this and bring a draft back to the next meeting for discussion.

3. **Assessments regarding Climate Change** - Feasibility exercise in exploring practicalities of solar panels on WPC owned building and electric car charging points in Watlington – TH said that he would like to suggest that we establish a procedure where we give to a small group or individual the task of exploring the practicalities of applying solar panels to Watlington PC owned buildings - especially the toilets, the pavilion and the community office. TH stated that he feels that WPC could capitalise on work begun on the introduction of electric charging points, in Council-controlled car parking areas - the Hill Road park and the Pavilion park and other areas and how costs might be managed without affecting too adversely the present demands for ordinary parking.

There was initial discussion on this, and it was thought that the Hill Road car park would not be suitable, and it would also lose a parking space.

Actions

NH will investigate Solar Panels

TH will investigate electric charging points in Watlington and potential suitable areas.

23/20 Consultations

There were none.

24/20 Correspondence

There was no correspondence that needed discussion.

25/20 Any Other Business

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.48 pm

Items for future meetings

Watlington Fund – April

New Committee/Sub Committee/Information Management Committee - March