



Church Stretton

Town Council

Minutes of the Strategy Committee Meeting held in the Silvester Horne Institute, Church Stretton on Tuesday 6th December 2022 at 2.00p.m.

Present: Councillors: Cllr J Luck (Chair), Cllr A Munro (Ex-Officio), Cllr S Davies, Mr J Bunce

Absent: Councillor H Stowell

In attendance: Officers: Mrs N Hook (Locum Town Clerk), Mrs G Bailey (RFO), Mrs H Merrett (Committees and Finance). Cllr J Lawson.
Members of the Public: **None**

SC.25 **Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

SC.26 **Apologies**

None received

SC.27 **Disclosable Interests**

Cllr Davies declared a disclosable interest as a member of the Friends of the Library.

SC.28 **Public Questions**

No Members of the Public were present

SC.29 **Minutes**

It was proposed by Cllr Davies, seconded by Cllr Munro and **22/23 SC01 RESOLVED** unanimously to accept the minutes of the Strategy Committee Meeting held on 7th June 2022 which were signed by the Chairman

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SC.30 Welcome to Mr Jim Bunce

Cllr Munro stated that Mr Bunce had done a huge amount of work behind the scenes (especially on the Housing Needs Survey). Mr Bunce was welcomed onto the Committee and everyone present introduced themselves.

SC.31 Tenancy Strategy

Cllrs received the Draft Tenancy Strategy from Shropshire Council and considered action. It was proposed by Cllr Munro, seconded by Mr Bunce and **22/23 SC03 RESOLVED** unanimously that Cllr Luck would make a brief response on behalf of the Committee by 31st January 2023.

SC.32 Budgets

Cllrs received the proposed budgets for the 2023/24 and considered action. Cllr Munro expressed personal thanks to Gillian Bailey (RFO) for all the work she has undertaken on this. Budget decisions should be made by the Full Council rather than the Strategy Committee. A great deal of work has already been done, such as the Community Led Plan and the Housing Needs Survey, which will feed into the Neighbourhood Plan, but much consultation still needs to be undertaken. There will be a great deal of cost involved over many years and appropriate grants will need to be applied for.

Mrs G Bailey (RFO) left the meeting at 3.05pm.

SC.33 Empty Homes Strategy

Cllrs noted the response to Shropshire Council regarding the Empty Homes Strategy and also that Business Rates at Shropshire Council are looking at 2nd homes incorrectly showing as holiday lets.

SC.34 Shropshire Local Plan 2016-2038

Cllrs received a verbal update on the draft Shropshire Local Plan 2016-2038. It was proposed by Cllr Davies, seconded by Cllr Luck and **22/23 SC04 RESOLVED** unanimously that Mr Bunce will draft two response documents (1. Local Plan and 2. Shropshire AoNB Policy) to circulate to Committee members prior to the March Strategy Meeting.

SC.35 Climate Care

Cllrs received the report from Climate Care and it was proposed by Cllr Davies, seconded by Cllr Munro and **22/23 SC05 RESOLVED** unanimously that Cllrs Munro, Davies and Lawton will work on a paper regarding development of a Policy to bring to the March Strategy meeting.

SC.36 Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan

Cllrs received a verbal update on the draft Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan and it was proposed by Cllr Davies, seconded by Cllr Munro and **22/23 SC06 RESOLVED** unanimously to send to the Unitary Councillors, and copy to Lesley Picton, the Councils

concerns that the Consultants being used are not providing value for money and the lack of feedback being received.

SC.37 Shropshire Electoral Review

Cllrs received a report on the Shropshire Electoral Review and the possibility that Church Stretton and Craven Arms may be separated as electoral divisions.

SC.38 Three Year Plan

Cllrs received notes of the Chairs' meeting. The menu of ideas must be prioritised. Cllr Munro will draw up a 1st draft Gantt chart, with input from the Clerk to ensure that everything is legal and feasible. This will be circulated to Colleagues and Chairs of Committees before the next Strategy meeting.

SC.39 Library Service

Cllrs received a verbal report on the Library service in Church Stretton. It was agreed that the 3 interested groups (Friends of the Library, Shropshire Council and CSTC) should meet together in future, and that the meetings should be minuted, so that everyone is aware of what is happening. A Service Level Agreement may need to be drawn up between all parties.

Meeting closed at 5.20 pm

Signed by Date

Chair of Church Stretton Town Council Strategy Committee as a true and accurate record of the meeting