



Church Stretton

Town Council

Minutes of the Strategy Committee Meeting held in the Silvester Horne Institute, Church Stretton on Tuesday 7th March 2023 at 2.00p.m.

Present: Councillors: Cllr J Luck (Chair), Cllr A Munro (Ex-Officio),
Absent: Councillor H Stowell, Cllr S Davies, Mr J Bunce,
In attendance: Officers: Mrs N Hook (Town Clerk), Mrs H Merrett (Committees and
Finance).
Members of the Public: **None**

SC.40 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

SC.41 Apologies

Received and accepted from Cllr H Stowell, Cllr S Davies, Mr J Bunce,

SC.42 Disclosable Interests

None.

SC.43 Public Questions

No Members of the Public were present

SC.44 Minutes

The meeting was not quorate so the minutes were held over to the next Strategy meeting (6th June 2023)

SC.45 Housing Needs Survey

Councillors received the verbal report and noted that this was now completed and the conclusions could now be incorporated into the Neighbourhood Plan. A copy will be sent to Lezley Picton at Shropshire Council. The conclusions will also go to the Examination in Public for the Local Plan.

SC.46 Shropshire Council Local Plan

The DP24 which leads into the Neighbourhood Plan needs strengthening. We need to be aggregated with other local organisations and also need to have a Barrister to represent the Council (this was resolved by Council 28th June 2022).

SC.47 Neighbourhood Plan

Councillors discussed structure and commencement. Sue Mann is still happy to chair the group which should be separate from the Council. She should be asked for her input as to the structure of the group. This could be done at a meeting between her and Cllr Munro which has been arranged for 30th March.

Cllr Munro will find a project manager for this project and Jim Bunce should also be involved. Some quotes from project managers need to be sought and three or four should be interviewed before selection (Sue Mann to be included on the interview panel).

Suggested structure should be a Board at the top with regular meetings (but not too frequently). This group should delegate to a smaller group consisting of Sue Mann, Mayor, Strategy Chair, Planning Chair, Jim Bunce, one representative from each of All Stretton, Little Stretton and Landlords (?) plus the Project Manager and the Town Clerk (last two would have no vote).

This group should sort out specific, costed and funded long term issues.

SC.48 CSTC Climate Change

Councillors received and discussed the summary document. It was agreed that Church Stretton is not doing too badly and that the table should be put on the web. There should be a policy and procurement procedure set up that when changes are required they can be checked against these.

Council is committed to effective and tangible measures not "Greenwashing".

SC.49 Broadband – Andy Munro

Councillors received a verbal update on the meeting with SWS Broadband and our approach.

It was agreed the South Shropshire has been badly treated – we seem to be at or close to the bottom of all lists. Cllr Luck will draw up a letter to our MP, Philip Dunne, pointing out that ALL electors should be treated equally. What will be the next project after this and when? Cllr Munro will send a link to Cllr Luck showing how the structure works.

SC.50 Correspondence.

Councillors noted the letter sent to Shropshire Council regarding LCWIP to which no reply has yet been received

SC.51 Next Meeting

Councillors noted the next meeting date of 6th June 2023 at 2.00pm

Meeting closed at 3.45 pm

Signed by

Date6th June 2023.....

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

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