

LYME REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY 2009

Present

Chairman: Cllr S. Williams

Councillors: Mrs. B. Austin, Mrs. A. Bradbury, Mrs. M. Ellis (Mayor), Ms. S. Holman, Mrs. L. Jenkin, O. Lovell, K. Whetlor and P. Williams

Officers: Mr. M. Lewis (Town Clerk) and Miss V. Stickler (Admin. Officer)

Guests: Ms. P. Benfield (Turn Lyme Green), PCSO J. Burton (Lyme Regis Safer Neighbourhoods Team), Mrs. W. Davies (LymeForward) and Cllr D. Turner (WDDC)

09/17/CP Public Forum

Mr. P. Sankey

Mr. P. Sankey advised that he would forward any comments made at this meeting regarding the no. 71 Town Bus service to the next Western Area Transport Action Group meeting.

09/18/CP Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Miss L. Campbell, Cllr D. Cozens, Cllr K. Hitchcock and Cllr Dr. S. Hogg.

09/19/CP Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 24th June 2009, having been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Proposed by Cllr P. Williams and seconded by Cllr Mrs. B. Austin, the minutes were **ADOPTED**.

09/20/CP Declarations of Interest

Cllr Ms. S. Holman declared a personal interest in agenda item 5 (a) – ‘Minute No. 09/06/CP (a) – Three Cups Hotel’ as she was the interim chairman of the Three Cups Action Group, and agenda item 5 (b) – ‘Minute No. 09/14/CP (a) – Club for Young People Update’ as she was a member of the LymeForward Youth Consortium.

09/21/CP Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 24th June 2009

(a) Minute No. 09/06/CP (a) – Three Cups Hotel

The Mayor, Cllr Mrs. M. Ellis reported that she had been part of a group of councillors plus the Town Clerk, that had visited the former Three Cups Hotel building. She had been assured that the building would be watertight and Palmers would update the Town Council with any plans for the premises. She also advised that there were no original features within the building.

Cllr S. Williams reported that the premises were not in as poor condition as previously thought but that it was a vast site that would require proper development.

Cllr D. Turner (WDDC) advised that there had been one outstanding repair job to the building which had been completed.

Cllr Ms. S. Holman reported that the report attached to the agenda was from Mr. D. Evans (Director of Planning and Environment, WDDC) to the West Dorset Partnership at a recent meeting.

Members agreed that Lyme Regis Town Council should be involved with the development of the building as it was an important feature of Broad Street.

Cllr D. Turner advised that the WDDC Scrutiny Committee was looking into the matter of compulsory purchase as it was felt that the system was not clear and there was not enough information available on how it worked. He highlighted two documents, the 'Business Support Framework for Action' and the 'Good Practice Guide on Planning for Tourism' which could be useful when making a case for using the Three Cups building for tourist purposes.

The Mayor suggested that the councillors needed to discuss ideas for the use of the building as there were differing opinions which could be discussed at a future Policy Committee meeting.

NOTED.

(b) Minute No. 09/14/CP (a) – Club for Young People Update

Cllr Ms. S. Holman reported that negotiations were taking place regarding the former Club for Young People building as a result of a long-standing aim to receive as much funding for youth provision from Dorset County Council as other towns. She gave details of the membership of the Lyme Regis Youth Consortium which had been formed following a meeting in Dorchester called by the Rt. Hon. O. Letwin, MP.

The Mayor, Cllr Mrs. M. Ellis expressed a concern that the negotiations would impact on arrangements already being made by the Club for Young People trustees, which she hoped wouldn't be jeopardised by this. Cllr Ms. S. Holman advised that representatives from the Club for Young People had been at the meetings of the Lyme Regis Youth Consortium.

NOTED.

(c) Minute No. 09/13/CP (a) – To consider making a request to Dorset County Council to install double yellow lines outside of Umbrella Cottage on Sidmouth Road

The Town Clerk reported that Cllr Col. G. Brierley had advised that the proposed double yellow lines would replace the existing single yellow lines. Cllr O. Lovell suggested that this item be **DEFERRED TO FULL COUNCIL** to enable members to visit the site.

09/22/CP **Economy**

(a) Dorset Towns Forum

Mrs. W. Davies reported that the Dorset Towns Forum had been formed as a result of funds remaining from the closure of the Market and Coastal Towns Initiative. The funds had been

lodged with Dorset² in order to facilitate learning between Dorset towns. LymeForward were approached to host a visit of representatives from other towns.

Cllr Ms. S. Holman reported that the visitors had included representatives from Dorset², the Chairman of the Somerset Forum and the Chairman of the Wiltshire Forum. The aim of the day had been to share experiences and learn how the local area partnership, Lyme Regis Development Trust and the Town Council worked together in addition to specific projects in the town.

NOTED.

09/23/CP Environment

(a) To receive an update from Turn Lyme Green on recent activities and next steps

Ms. P. Benfield reminded member of the Turn Lyme Green activities in recent months and reported:

- Due to the success of the bag campaign, new cotton bags had been ordered. Turn Lyme Green hoped to promote this campaign widely, especially in holiday rental properties.
- Turn Lyme Green would like the Town Council to consider displaying posters promoting the bag campaign in the town notice boards and in the Park and Ride vehicles.
- A 'national bag free day' would be taking place on the 12th September 2009 and Turn Lyme Green would be staging an event.
- Discussions were taking place with the artist appointed as a result of Turn Lyme Green winning the 'Pride of Place' award and the project would be around public lighting in the town.
- Turn Lyme Green would also like the Town Council to consider writing a statement regarding support for environmental issues and Turn Lyme Green. She also suggested that the Town Council consider an activity to mark an international day on the 24th October 2009 surrounding the number 350 which was linked to the safe level of carbon dioxide in the air.

Cllr D. Turner advised that he was following up the proposed deflectors to be installed to the lights in Holmbush car park and he had also received complaints about the lights at the new Queens Walk properties and had approached Magna regarding this.

09/24/CP Health, Well-Being and Safer Communities

(a) To receive an update report from the Lyme Regis Safer Neighbourhoods Team

PCSO J. Burton reported:

- Following the retirement of PC Bye, a new PC would be covering Lyme Regis for three months until a permanent officer was recruited.
- Due to traffic problems in Sidmouth Road, additional traffic cones had been acquired and would be used to aid the situation in that part of town.
- The second Young Drivers Awareness event had taken place on the 6th July 2009, with 20-25 young drivers in attendance, where road safety was discussed.
- The Radiolink continued to be successful and would be used more frequently now that the main tourist season was approaching.
- Due to an incident occurring elsewhere in the town, the Police had been unable to marshal the Jazz Festival Umbrella Parade. It was recommended that organisers needed to have alternative arrangements in the event of this happening again.

- A new project looking at suspicious activity in harbours had been launched, and any concerns could be reported to the Police referring to 'Project Kraken'.
- The Safer Neighbourhoods Team were working with the Town Council Enforcement Officer on controlling dog fouling in the town, which has included early morning patrols of problem areas.
- All members of the Safer Neighbourhoods Team had been trained to use the laser speed gun.
- The next Emergency Services day will be held at the end of Lifeboat Week 2009. Extra officers would be on duty in the town during Lifeboat Week.
- A project would commence with year 9 pupils at Woodroffe School looking at alcohol awareness.

09/25/CP Housing

- (a) To discuss methods for promoting properties in Lyme Regis that become available through the West Dorset HomeChoice system

Mrs. W. Davies advised that properties available for 'bids' through the HomeChoice system were advertised on the West Dorset District Council website each Wednesday at 12 Noon. She asked councillors to consider ways in which the properties could be advertised on order for local people to see the details.

Members suggested that posters with details of the properties could be displayed on the notice board in Tesco, in Staples Stores, the notice board at the end of Anning Road, the local schools, the library and the Tourist Information Centre. Mrs. W. Davies suggested that the Town Council notice boards could include information on where the posters would be displayed in the town and Cllr Ms. S. Holman suggested that an article could be included in the Town Council newsletter.

09/26/CP Sports, Culture & Lifelong Learning

There were no items to report.

09/27/CP Traffic & Transport

- (a) To discuss town bus timetabling issues

Cllr K. Whetlor was concerned that the bus was no longer making regular stops at Hallett Court in favour of other parts of the town and the school bus service.

Cllr Mrs. B. Austin explained that the cost of operating the bus service had increased which was why the bus was used for the school service in order to off-set some of the costs. A new timetable would be launched in September which would feature a reduced service to the Cobb to allow extra time for other parts of the route.

The Chairman suggested that Cllr Mrs. B. Austin and Cllr Mrs. L. Jenkin meet with representatives from Dorset County Council to discuss the timetabling of the Lyme Regis town bus service.

09/28/CP Young People

- (a) To receive a report on the recent Young Drivers Awareness Evening

Mr. V. Turner (Dorset Fire & Rescue Service) was unable to attend the meeting.

09/29/CP To receive reports from councillors on groups/organisations/activities with which they are involved in the town (not as an LRTC representative)

Members were informed that the new version of the Lyme Regis Traders map had been produced and included traders who had paid to advertise on the map.