

LYME REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE 2009

Present

Chairman: Cllr S. Williams

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

Officers: Mr. M. Lewis (Town Clerk) and Mrs. J. Powrie (Admin. Assistant)

Guests: Mr. M. Dixon and Cllr D. Turner (WDDC)

09/01/CP Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Mrs. B. Austin proposed Cllr Mrs. A. Bradbury for the role of Vice-Chairman of the Community Plan Implementation Committee, seconded by Cllr P. Williams and **AGREED**.

09/02/CP Public Forum

Mr. L. Howe

Mr. L. Howe spoke regarding the Three Cups Hotel. He did not feel that there were enough hotels in Lyme Regis and he wished for the former Three Cups Hotel to be re-instated as guest accommodation.

09/03/CP Apologies

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

09/04/CP Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 29th April 2009, having been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs. A. Bradbury and seconded by Cllr P. Williams, the minutes were **ADOPTED**.

09/05/CP Declarations of Interest

Cllr Ms. S. Holman declared a personal interest in agenda item 6 (a) – ‘Three Cups Hotel’, and agenda item 9 (b) – ‘Three Cups Hotel’ as she was Chairman of the ‘Save the Three Cups’ group. Cllr Ms. S. Holman also declared a personal interest in agenda item 15 – ‘To consider the Local Area Partnership Action Plan and agree related LRTC Plan for 2009/10’ as she was Chairman of LymeForward, the Local Area Partnership.

09/06/CP Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 29th April 2009

(a) Minute No. 08/112/CP (b) – Three Cups Hotel

Mr. M. Dixon reported that approximately 230 residents had attended the public meeting held to discuss the former Three Cups Hotel in Broad Street. Those that attended were concerned that the building had been empty for the last twenty years and supported the suggested compulsory purchase of the premises. Mr. Dixon advised that representatives from West Dorset District Council (WDDC) and Palmers Brewery (the owners of the building) had been invited to attend but none had been present.

Mr. M. Dixon requested that Lyme Regis Town Council seek to clarify that West Dorset District Council were not prepared to purchase the former hotel as he believed had been implied by Cllr R. Gould, Leader of the Council. Mr. Dixon also suggested that WDDC and Palmers Brewery be invited to send representatives to Lyme Regis to explain their reasons for not compulsorily purchasing the building.

The Town Clerk advised that a letter had been received from Humberts Commercial, acting on behalf of Palmers Brewery, and he read from the letter.

Cllr D. Turner reported that there were health and safety issues with the derelict hotel building which had been reported to the WDDC Director of Planning and Environment.

Proposed by Cllr O. Lovell and seconded by the Mayor, Cllr Mrs. M. Ellis, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** that representatives from Humberts Commercial, Palmers Brewery, and WDDC be invited to attend a meeting with Lyme Regis Town Council.

09/07/CP Annual Review of the Community Plan Implementation Committee

The Annual Review of the Community Plan Implementation Committee, which had previously been circulated to members, was **NOTED**.

Cllr Mrs. B. Austin expressed a concern regarding the possibility that some of the new Queen's Walk properties had not been allocated to people with a local connection. She asked for clarification on the definition of 'local' with regards to social housing allocation and also the definition of 'bidding' in relation to the new West Dorset Home Choice system.

09/08/CP Economy

(a) Evolution Rocks Fossil Festival 2009

Mr. M. Dixon reported that the Fossil Festival 2009 had been a success and had met the objectives set before the event. The UNESCO conference associated with the festival had also been a success and would support the bid to build a new Jurassic Coast Studies Centre in the Town. Mr. Dixon had requested feedback on the event from local organisations and the general consensus was that the event should have been held on a different weekend as the Bank Holiday had been particularly busy. Mr. Dixon also asked the organisations if they felt that it was worth losing the 17 car parking spaces in Cobb Gate Car Park in order to hold part of the event there. 72% of those asked agreed that it was worth it and 48% of local businesses questioned responded that they had seen a significant increase in trade.

Cllr Ms. S. Holman felt that the Town Council should continue to support the Fossil Festival organisers in their search for funding for the event.

09/09/CP Environment

(a) Shoreline Management Plan 2 Meeting – Monday 22nd June 2009

The Chairman reported that he had attended the meeting. A representative from Natural England had also been in attendance and had stated that 100m of the golf course could potentially be lost within the next fifty years. The Chairman advised that thirty people had attended the meeting and he believed that better promotion would have encouraged a larger attendance. **NOTED.**

(b) Three Cups Hotel

This item was dealt with under agenda item 6 (a) – ‘Minute No. 08/112/CP (b) – Three Cups Hotel’ (Minute No. 09/06/CP (a)).

09/10/CP Health, Well-Being and Safer Communities

There were no items to report.

09/11/CP Housing

(a) Update on Housing

The Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting at Dorchester with representatives from Magna and Raglan Housing Associations. He had advised the meeting that Lyme Regis should be dealt with as a special case and that further social housing was required. **NOTED.**

09/12/CP Sports, Culture & Lifelong Learning

There were no items to report.

09/13/CP Traffic and Transport

(a) To consider making a request to Dorset County Council to install double yellow lines outside of Umbrella Cottage on Sidmouth Road

Members **AGREED** that Cllr Col. G. Brierley be asked to report further on this request at the next Full Council meeting and for a map showing the location of the suggested double yellow lines to be produced.

Cllr K. Hitchcock informed members that a store on the Cobb had stock outside of the shop which hindered the no. 71 town bus from turning around freely. Members **AGREED** for this to be reported to the Police.

09/14/CP Young People

(a) Club For Young People Update

Cllr Ms. S. Holman advised that the Parochial Church Council were working on the covenant covering the former Boys’ Club building and a meeting was due to be held on the 9th July 2009 with the Woodroffe School. **NOTED.**

(b) Skateboard Facility for Lyme Regis Public Meeting – Saturday 30th May 2009

Cllr Mrs L. Jenkin reported that a public meeting had been held in the Guildhall to discuss the proposed skate park in Lyme Regis. She advised that letters of objection had been received but that 90% of the reasons for objection given could be explained.

Cllr Mrs. L. Jenkin reported that a further meeting was to be held with residents from Charmouth Road and local young people with the support of Dorset Community Action.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs. A. Bradbury and seconded by Cllr Ms. S. Holman, members agreed to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** that Lyme Regis Town Council seek approval from West Dorset District Council to site a skate park in the Charmouth Road Car Park.

09/15/CP To consider the Local Area Partnership Action Plan and agree related LRTC Plan for 2009/10

The Local Area Partnership Action Plan, which had been circulated to members, was **NOTED**.

09/16/CP To receive reports from councillors on groups/organisations/activities with which they are involved in the town (not as an LRTC representative)

Dorset Coastal Forum

Cllr D. Turner reported that he had recently attended a meeting of the Dorset Coastal Forum. He advised that the Crown Estates had considered installing a wind farm in Lyme Bay, but this had been rejected due to military objections.