

## **STAMFORD TOWN COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 04 APRIL 2018 AT 10.00AM IN THE TOWN HALL, STAMFORD**

**PRESENT** Councillor Tony Story (Ex Officio)  
Councillor M Sawyer (Chairman)  
Councillor Alan Swan (Vice-Chairman)  
Councillor Mike Exton

**Also in attendance:**

Civic Officer  
Mr Luke Macdonald (Co-opted member)  
Ann Ellis – Stamford in Bloom  
Leah Rickard – Library Services  
Chris Hunt – Town Hall Guide

**Public Participation** – None

#### **10.00am – Tourism Working Group meeting (TWGM)**

Apologies for absence were received from Mary Davies (STAMTIC) and Penny Rowley (Town Hall Guide).

##### **a. Stamford in Bloom**

Ann Ellis informed The Committee that she would be conducting a walk of the town with Andrew Norman (Invest SK) and The Stamford Mercury. Furthermore, she would be considering Ironmonger Street as a future project.

##### **b. Ward Members Grant Scheme**

Councillor Exton informed the members that all South Kesteven District (SKDC) Councillors were given £1000 for community projects. He stated that Councillor Breda Rae Griffin and himself would both donate £250 each for Stamford in Bloom. The Chairman wished to thank the two Councillors for their contribution.

##### **c. Heritage Open Day Scheme**

Chris Hunt informed The Committee that he had recently attended a Heritage Open Day Scheme (HODS) meeting and it was expected that the following venues would be open during the weekend: The Town Hall, Mercury Archive Trust, Browne's Hospital, St Leonard's Priory, All Saints' Church, St John's churchyard, The Library, various walking tours. He also was concerned over the number of A-Boards in the town, over 50 on the High Street alone. Councillor Swan pointed out that this subject is regularly raised within STC.

##### **d. Written update from Penny Rowley (Tour Guide)**

The Souvenir Guides are selling like the proverbial hot cakes. Every individual or couple who have been round since the Guides have been available have purchased one. All the new items in The Malcolm Sargent Room have been sorted and some set aside for display.

Plans are in place to replace some of the pictures with new ones and arrangements are being made for holes to be filled and repainted where pictures are taken down. The existing information plaques, which take up a lot of room, will be removed and replaced with laminated sheets. Cabinets will as far as possible depict various aspects of his life. There will also be an album with some of the numerous photographs and 2 mannequins with (a) evening dress he wore for conducting and (b) his D.Mus. robe. The room is temporarily closed to visitors until all items have been placed in appropriate cabinets and labelling completed. It may be more appropriate to hold several sessions throughout the year, with a short-illustrated talk and allowing time for people to look around the room. This could hopefully be advertised at the same time as the re-opening of the room.

#### **e. Publications**

The Chairman pointed out that the publication 'What's on in Lincolnshire' has no mention of Stamford. After much debate it was agreed that the Town Council newsletter be forwarded to both LCC and SKDC editorial teams and they can determine what they would like to include in their own publications.

The TWG meeting was closed at 10.25am and non-Strategic Development Committee members left the room.

#### **The Strategic Development Committee meeting began at 10.26am**

##### **699. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Mrs S. Sismore had submitted her apologies; these were noted and accepted.

##### **700. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

##### **701. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 07 March 2018, were confirmed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

##### **702. ACTION POINTS:**

*a. Browne's Hospital update on visitor access* – It was noted that the next meeting would be held on May 14<sup>th</sup> 2018 and the SD Chairman will be contacting the Browne's Chairman before then to discuss access.

*b. Update on Stamford in Bloom* – The Town Clerk has submitted the entry application to East Midland In Bloom. A walk along the judging route was held on Sunday 25 March 2018. An application to Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) for approval to install planters on the High Street had been submitted.

*c. Update on Malcolm Sargent Display* – As outlined in Penny Rowley's report within the Tourism section of the meeting.

*Correspondence received - Recycling in Stamford* – A letter was received from a member of the public regarding recycling in Stamford.

**Proposal 1** – On the proposal of Cllr Sawyer, seconded by Cllr Story, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that this suggestion be forwarded to SKDC for consideration.

**703. CAR PARKING ISSUE IN STAMFORD**

The Chairman informed members that he had observed the Cattle Market car park was seldom more than half-full (other than on Fridays), his point being that it is difficult to demand more parking when this car park is not being fully utilised.

**704. CONDITIONS OF ROADS AND FOOTPATHS**

The Chairman had not yet received a reply from LCC Councillors to his emails requesting action.

**705. TO CONSIDER HERITAGE WORKING GROUP PROJECTS:**

- a. *Update on Installation of Royal Arms by Castle Dyke* – There remains a concern with the installation of the terracotta armorial following repeated delays.

**Proposal 2** – On the proposal of Cllr Sawyer, seconded by Cllr Story, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that, given the seemingly insoluble objections emanating from Historic England over a period of three years, to seek an alternative location for the Royal Arms. Sites suggested were in St Michaels Churchyard or The Cemetery.

- b. *Additional planters in Red Lion Square* – It was felt that more information was required before a proposal could be made.

**Proposal 3** – On the proposal of Cllr Sawyer, seconded by Cllr Swan, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to consult with Stamford in Bloom on this subject.

- c. *Red Lion Square Street Furniture*: Cllr Story stated that the street furniture in Red Lion Square appears to have been damaged by the SKDC contractors responsible for moving it to make way for the Mid-Lent Fair.

**Proposal 4** – on the proposal of Cllr Story, seconded by Cllr Sawyer, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the street furniture be inspected and repainted to prevent further deterioration.

**706. WEBSITE UPDATES AND ISSUE OF NEXT NEWSLETTER**

- a. *Update report on new website* – prior to the meeting the Deputy Town Clerk had reported to the Chairman that the website would be going live at the end of the month.
- b. *What's on in Stamford* – It was felt that more information was required.

**Proposal 5** – on the proposal of Cllr Sawyer, seconded by Cllr Swan, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that The Chairman would contact both SKDC and LCC regarding their publications.

- c. *Update on next Newsletter publication* – The Civic Officer confirmed that May 18<sup>th</sup> 2018 would be cut off for next newsletter, which is anticipated to be printed in the following week.

**707. HEALTH SERVICE IN STAMFORD & LAKESIDE**

Cllr Story had received a very poor service from Lakeside Health Care. He was very frustrated by the system. There was general agreement that the service has become very poor. He had written a personal letter of complaint and is waiting a reply from The Practice Manager.

**Proposal 6** – On the proposal of Cllr Story, seconded by Cllr Sawyer, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that if this matter is not resolved this will be brought to full council.

**708. MATTERS RELATED TO POLICING IN STAMFORD**

A report from Inspector Ian Martin was circulated. No concerns were raised.

**709. ANY OTHER BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- a. *Running costs of Stamford Arts Centre:* The Chairman had requested to see the breakdown of running costs for The Arts Centre and is still awaiting a reply.
- b. *Stamford's waste:* The Chairman is conducting an ongoing enquiry about the fate of Stamford's waste - what percentages are used for recycling, energy generation and how much goes to landfill etc.
- c. *One Way Suggestion:* The Chairman had formulated a reply to a one-way system suggested by a member of the public at the last Town Council meeting. This would go to full council and a reply would be sent from the Town Clerk.
- d. *Stamford Emergency Plan* – Luke Macdonald updated the members on the completed plan and would be producing both a full and a redacted version to the Town Clerk for circulation to relevant parties following approval by the Town Council.

**710. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, 02 May 2018**

Chairman  
(The meeting closed at 11.34am.)