

STAMFORD TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 09 JANUARY 2019 AT 10.00AM IN THE TOWN HALL, STAMFORD

PRESENT Councillor Andy Croft (Chairman)
Councillor Bill Turner (Vice Chairman)
Councillor Harrish Bisnauthsing
Councillor Tony Story
Councillor Mrs S Sismore

Also, in attendance: Civic Officer
Mary Davies - Tourist Information Centre
Lea Rickard – Library
Ann Ellis – Stamford in Bloom
David Wallington – Browne’s Hospital
Chris Hunt - Town Hall Guide
Christine Bearne - Tour Guide
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TOURISM WORKING GROUP

Apologies for absence were received from Penny Rowley & Margaret Carlisle (Tour Guides)

a. Tourist Information Centre

Mary Davies questioned that the new car parking meters were directing tourists to make payment at outlets in the town centre, however no outlets were taking payment. The Chairman would investigate this matter further.

b. Library

Lea Rickard reported that the library had received plenty of visitors and plans were going well for the ‘Harry Potter’ day on the 9th of February 2019.

c. Stamford in Bloom

Ann Ellis informed the members that Stamford Garden Centre had donated a poly tunnel for SiB’s usage, they had also offered discounts to the group. Apple juice was being sold by Lamberts and Stamford Garden Centre to raise funds, in addition a stall at the market was being utilised to sell the apple juice. Further activities included A Quiz Night at the Tobie Norris on Sunday 10th February 2019, Snow Drop planting (in association with Child Bereavement UK) at the Recreation Ground on 2nd & 3rd May 2019 and a Teddy Bears picnic at the Community Orchard on the 8th May 2019.

d. Town Hall Tour Guides

Chris Hunt asked if the Brown tourist information signs were any nearer completion for the town and asked about the SKDC visitors guide, both points would be brought up at the SKDC engagement evening on 23rd January 2019. Finally, he hoped that both SKDC and the Town Council would support the budget hotel proposal. Conversation ensued regarding the bollards at Sheep market, a suggestion of this area to be used as a cycle park was discussed. Cllr Story would like to progress this initiative and would contact a District Councillor. **Action:** Cllr Story

e. Browne’s Hospital

David Wallington was welcomed to the meeting, he gave a summary of his role as curator and hoped that in the fullness of time that Browne’s Hospital would be opened on a regular basis, being mindful that the trustees are looking after an Alms House. He was also looking at the procedure for attaining museum status for the hospital.

10.34am – the formal meeting commenced.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

569. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Mike Exton had submitted apologies; these were noted and accepted.

570. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

571. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 05 December 2018, were confirmed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

572. UPDATE ON ACTION POINTS

The Committee considered the feedback on the following action points in hand:

- a. *Defibrillators* – It was reported that all the freeholders of the buildings where the defibrillators are to be installed had granted permission and feedback from the Planning Authority is awaited before the devices could be fitted.

Action: Town Clerk

573. WEBSITE, ADVERTISING & NEWSLETTER

The Civic Officer informed The Committee that the next Newsletter would be distributed mid-February.

574. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a. *Train Service* – An email had been received from a member of the public suggesting that Stamford Town Council organise a campaign for better rail connections to the town. The Chairman will draft a reply which will be circulated to all members of the committee before being sent.
- b. *SKDC Engagement events* – Details of these events were circulated to the committee; the Town Clerk had previously emailed all councillors the details on 4th January 2019.

575. ANY OTHER BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION

- c. *Stamford Festival committee* – The members discussed at length the future and purpose of the Stamford Festival Committee. It was understood that this topic was also being discussed at the Events committee.

576. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the draft copy could be circulated to members at the next SSDC meeting on 6th February 2019.

577. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: – Wednesday, 06 February 2019 at 9.45am

Chairman
(The meeting closed at 11.12am.)