

STAMFORD TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 06 MARCH 2019 AT 10.00AM IN THE TOWN HALL, STAMFORD

PRESENT Councillor Breda- Rae Griffin (Ex Officio) (arrived at 10.06)
Councillor Andy Croft (Chairman)
Councillor Bill Turner (Vice Chairman)
Councillor Harrish Bisnauthsing (arrived at 10.26am)
Councillor Mike Exton
Councillor Tony Story

Also, in attendance: Town Clerk
Civic Officer
Andrew Norman – InvestSK
William Tse – InvestSK
Mary Davies - Tourist Information Centre
Lea Rickard – Library
Jill Collinge – Blue Badge Guide
Ann Ellis – Stamford in Bloom
David Wallington – Browne’s Hospital
Chris Hunt - Town Hall Guide
Penny Rowley - Tour Guide
Anabel Morris - Tour Guide

TOURISM WORKING GROUP

Apologies for absence were received from John Davies - Tour Guide
Christine Bearne - Tour Guide and Kate Riley – All Saints’ Church

a. Invest SK

Andrew Norman gave an update on InvestSK activity, the brown tourist information signs continue to be a slow process, the original application was for two signs, one for traffic from the north and another for traffic from the south. However, the recommendation from Highways England is for only one sign which will be positioned at carpenters lodge if the application is successful. The new trailer and pop up marquee is being deployed, all formats of social media are being utilised. The Explorers Road initiative was underway, a group of reporters from Germany had been given a tour of Stamford and the town hall on Monday 4th March 2019.

William Tse gave a very interesting and informative presentation regarding regeneration projects and wayfinding for Stamford, the signage is at an advanced stage and where possible existing signage will be refurbished.

b. Library

Leah Rickard reported that on the 22nd February the ‘Arts Around the Town’ event attracted over 1100 visitors to the library, there will also be an author event on Thursday 14th March 2019.

c. Tour Guides

Penny Rowley explained that The Malcolm Sargent room was still undergoing refurbishment.

d. Heritage Open Day

Chris Hunt informed the committee that the Town Hall, Browne's Hospital, the Mercury Archive and the Library were all on the schedule for the Heritage Open Days.

e. Stamford in Bloom

Ann Ellis reported that the Snowdrop walk, and planting had been successful, and 1000 bulbs had been planted. She hoped that this will become an annual event in March.

11.25am – the formal meeting commenced.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None**698. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Mrs S Sismore submitted her apologies which were noted and accepted.

699. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None given.

700. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 06 February 2019, were confirmed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

701. UPDATE ON ACTION POINTS

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

- a. Defibrillators* – It was reported that further defibrillators had been installed at the Broad Street dentist and Johnsons dry cleaners. A further application for 74 High Street Stamford had also been received.

702. TO CONSIDER THE FEEDBACK ON ELECTRICAL CAR CHARGING POINTS IN STAMFORD

The Chairman informed the members that BP Garages have plans to install charging points nationally. SKDC do have plans to install charging points but again, no confirmed dates.

703. REPORT ON THE EXPLORERS ROAD PROJECT

This matter was discussed by Andrew Norman earlier in the meeting.

704. WEBSITE, ADVERTISING & NEWSLETTER

The Civic Officer reported that the February newsletter had been well received and in circulation, the next issue was scheduled for mid may, however with the upcoming elections and formations of committees this may be pushed back to early June 2019.

705. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The Chairman informed the Committee that he had been in contact with Richard Davies, portfolio holder for LCC regarding bus services in Stamford. Also, regarding train services, he will be contacting the MD of LNER.

706. ANY OTHER BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION - None**707. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MEETING - None****708. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: – Wednesday, 03 April 2019 at 9.45am**

Chairman - (The meeting closed at 11.47am.)