

South Somerset District Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Area West Committee held at The Guildhall, Chard on Wednesday 21 November 2018.

(5.30 - 6.01 pm)

Present:

Members: Councillor Jason Baker (Chairman)

Mike Best	Sue Osborne
Amanda Broom	Ric Pallister
Dave Bulmer	Garry Shortland
Carol Goodall	Angie Singleton
Val Keitch	Martin Wale
Paul Maxwell	

Officers:

Helen Rutter	Communities Lead
Jo Morris	Case Services Officer (Support Services)
Jeb Farrah	Chard Regeneration Project Manager

Also Present:

Mike Fear Assistant Highway Service Manager

NB: Where an executive or key decision is made, a reason will be noted immediately beneath the Committee's resolution.

73. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 17th October 2018 (Agenda Item 1)

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th October 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

74. Apologies for Absence (Agenda Item 2)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Marcus Barrett, Jenny Kenton and Linda Vijeh.

75. Declarations of Interest (Agenda Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

76. Date and Venue for Next Meeting (Agenda Item 4)

Members noted that the next meeting of the Area West Committee would be held on Wednesday 12th December 2018 at 5.30pm at The Guildhall, Chard.

77. Public Question Time (Agenda Item 5)

There were no questions raised by members of the public.

78. Chairman's Announcements (Agenda Item 6)

The Chair reminded members to respond to the Councillor Survey on Transformation and the Member Portal.

Cllr. Ric Pallister gave an update on Plot 5 in Chard and confirmed that a play area would be installed by the Spring.

79. County Highway Report to Area West Committee (Agenda Item 7)

The Assistant Highway Service Manager presented the report which informed members of the work carried out by the County Highway Authority at the halfway stage through the financial year and what schemes are remaining on the work programme for the rest of the year.

During the ensuing discussion, the Assistant Highway Service Manager responded to questions regarding issues within Area West which included the following:

- The Assistant Highway Service Manager would write to all Parishes when the situation with regard to grit bin re-filling for local councils was confirmed by SCC;
- It was noted that when the footways works were carried out at Glynswood, Chard, the grit bin had been removed. It was felt that it should have been the responsibility of the contractor to replace it following the works. The Assistant Highway Service Manager agreed to go back to the contractor.

The Chairman and members thanked the Assistant Highway Service Manager for all his work and wished him a happy retirement.

80. Chard Regeneration Scheme Town Centre Regeneration Update Report (Agenda Item 8)

The Chard Regeneration Scheme Project Manager summarised the agenda report. She updated members on the recent engagement that was undertaken with Chard Holyrood School, the Stakeholder meeting taking place on 23rd November and the work being undertaken to develop the regeneration scheme to support a planning submission.

The Chard Regeneration Scheme Project Manager explained that there was bat evidence in two of the buildings and although it had set back the submission of a

planning application changes would be made in the way the scheme was managed to ensure there were no overall delays in the delivery of the scheme.

In response to a member comment, the Chard Regeneration Scheme Project Manager agreed to provide further information to members in relation to the discovery of bats including possible constraints and the mitigation measures in place.

The Chairman thanked the Chard Regeneration Scheme Project Manager for her update report.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

81. Area West - Reports from Members on Outside Bodies (Agenda Item 9)

Crewkerne Leisure Management

Members noted the report by Cllr. Angie Singleton updating members on Crewkerne Leisure Management. Cllr. Angie Singleton informed members that the Directors felt that there was no longer a need for an SSDC member representative on the Board of Crewkerne Leisure Management.

82. Area West Committee - Forward Plan (Agenda Item 10)

The Communities Lead advised members that a report on the Area Chapters of the Council Plan would be submitted to the December meeting.

Members noted that there were still funds available for Area West Community grants in the current financial year. The Communities Lead agreed to circulate some further information to members.

83. Planning Appeals (Agenda Item 11)

Members noted the report detailing two planning appeals that had been received.

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Chairman