

Ordinary Council 13 March 2019 - Appendix E



Meeting Notes

Felixstowe Town Council / Suffolk Coastal District Council Joint Working Group

Date: 1st February 2019 (10.00am – 12 noon)

Venue: Felixstowe Town Hall

Attendees:		
Ray Herring	SCDC	Apologies
Nick Barber	FTC	Present
Steve Gallant	SCDC	Present
Graham Newman	FTC	Present
TJ Haworth-Culf	SCDC	Apologies

Officer		
Representatives:		
Andrew Jarvis	SCDC	Present
Ash Tadjrishi	FTC	Present
Laura Hack	SCDC	Present
Helen Greengrass	FF	Present
Ben Woolnough	SCDC	Present
Sarah Shinnie	SCDC	Present
Tim Snook	SCDC	Present

	ITEM	NOTES	ACTION BY
1.	Welcome and apologies	RH	
2.	Notes of last meeting	Local Plan: Noted that there is some work for District council to do in terms of positive PR on the Local Plan. Upfront promotion on what has changed between drafts after public consultation. Response should be owned by Planning Authority - BW to feed this back	<i>BW</i>
3.	Update Masterplan for North Felixstowe	BW noted that the Masterplan submission will look at the policy and seek to reassure the public that it will fit into this. BW noted that the primary education provision has now become clearer and a 630 place primary provision is required. Meeting SCC soon to progress this and seek solutions. Also the overall approach to open space - mitigation approach to incorporate the needs of dog walkers and open estuaries and how this is accommodated on the two parcels of land and how they are stitched	<i>Discussion</i>



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	<p>together.</p> <p>SG noted that the spine road is still a concern of the public, particularly on the impact of traffic on the local roads.</p> <p>Discussion on the leisure centre site on the seafront and what the use of this site will be going forward. The Policy reads that residential dwellings are required on the upper floors. BW noted that our submission didn't mention this, but it was the Local Plan team which have put this in. BW stated he didn't see this as a residential led scheme but would be a mixed use. SG asked whether this phrasing could be removed.</p> <p>Discussion on the retail offer in the town - with closure of M&S and other shops being empty on Hamilton Road.</p> <p>GN mentioned the perception of car parking and the need to pay - needs some work in the Plan on the fact there is on-street free parking.</p> <p>BW noted that there will be some public engagement for the Candlet Road site this spring. He has reinforced to colleagues that the Masterplan for both sites should be considered. AT noted that the idea of the gateway needed to be retained.</p> <p>TS noted that the leisure centre business case was still being prepared and won't go to Cabinet before June. TS has shown Sport England around Felixstowe and they have noted that three directors from Sport England would like to formally meet SCDC and look at how they can support the new build. Pulse, the development partner, have come up with some first designs and the Council are still committed to developing a destination leisure facility.</p> <p>GN asked about schools - SCC are still looking for provision in Trimley.</p> <p>SG asked whether Homes England were being</p>	<p><i>BW</i></p>
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		<p>engaged with. AJ reassured the group that this was happening, albeit through a Suffolk wide approach. East Suffolk will also be entering into discussions with them as a super district.</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p>SCDC update on activities in Felixstowe including South seafront, beach huts, the Prom TRO and steps</p>	<p>South Seafront A comprehensive bid was packaged up for the CCF and a site visit took place with a representative of CCF. The bid will be turned round swiftly and recommendations will be made at the end of the month, with announcement in March. The cafe has full building regulations in place and would be ready to go.</p> <p>HG noted that CRF funding of £30K - will be spent on new notice boards on the beach side of the prom to pull together all the info and get rid of / consolidate all the current signs. This will include a map, heritage info and all relevant data, including distance markers. Idea is to reinforce positive messages. GN asked whether any of the noticeboards could be electronic.</p> <p>Beach Huts: Dip site - will be key in terms of parking for water sports.</p> <p>Golf Club LH noted that the Club had been in contact with the Council to discuss a potential land swap. A paper will go to Cabinet Briefing later in the month.</p> <p>TRO Potential to note within the terms and conditions of the new Traffic Regulation Order that events on the Prom will be exempt?</p> <p>Issue of Kier resurfacing the Prom - need to contact Park Run.</p> <p>Cliff Steps Work is now taking place to develop these. BW will check whether planning is needed for the large flight of steps.</p>	



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		<p>Car parking People and Places will be conducting a shoppers survey - idea that free or cheap carparking doesn't stack up - will be interesting to see what comes out of this new survey.</p> <p>AJ noted that a piece of work is required around what the town wants in terms of parking going forward. HG noted she has sent up drop in sessions with businesses for the next three month, which would likely include parking.</p>	<p><i>LH</i></p> <p><i>BW</i></p> <p><i>HG</i></p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Local Play Area Review</p>	<p>SCDC have been working with Norse and the Town Council to score the play areas in the town. This was presented to AT and Cllr Savage - given a ten year plan. Have established that there is a project required on Cavendish Park and two other play areas that need some work - Allenby Park and Gosford Way. Norse have presented the areas to play providers and a variety of prices and plans have come back. Budget of £240K for all three areas. A preferred option has been considered. £180K has been committed but need a further £62K.</p> <p>Two of the sites will be put forward for divestment - Allenby Park / Gosford Way. Norse have put together figures for savings through this process. SG asked whether the savings through divestment will be reinvested in other services or play schemes?</p> <p>AT noted that this was significant funding being put into this as a joint project. However, funding for future similar schemes would need thought as several funding streams were being used to complete this project.</p>	



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6.	Update on work of Town Council	AT noted that items had already been covered.	
7.	Plan for continuing this group after May	<p>AJ noted that this group needed to go forward. But not clear on about how this would fit with proposals for Community Partnerships, however it was noted that the remit is different.</p> <p>AT stressed that the information sharing was useful. All agreed that this forum going forward is important and that the size of the representative group is right.</p> <p>The Council feel it's useful to have a forum where key developments and projects can be discussed. Also useful for planning and visioning for the high street etc. GN noted that political representation may not be the same going forward. AT noted that a name change from Working Group to something more appropriate might be better – e.g. Forum.</p>	<i>Verbal</i>
8	AOB	<p>Street furniture in Hamilton Road is in a bad state. Street furniture is SCCs - GN has agreed that cycle hoops will be replaced. Norse are aware of the benches - but think they are owned by SCC? As part of shared space scheme.</p> <p>NB noted that there is a misunderstanding of business rates and a lot of misinformation around. SG asked for a briefing snapshot / infographic on what business rates are, how these are evaluated and where it goes. Useful for Geoff Holdcroft as a follow up to M&S. HG noted that she is agreeing a press release with Geoff on the town centre and will pull this in.</p> <p>HG stated that the engagement day will be on the 18th June.</p> <p>The draft of the prospectus is being worked on and is in hand.</p>	<p><i>GN</i></p> <p><i>LH</i></p> <p><i>HG</i></p>
9	Theme and date of next meeting	<p>Discussion on Hamilton Road - potential to bring others to the table on this for certain themes.</p> <p>Next meeting in April.</p>	



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