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DRAFT Notes of Meeting

Felixstowe Town Council / Suffolk Coastal District Council Joint Working Group

Date: 4th December 2017 (10.00am – 11:30am)

Venue: Felixstowe Town Hall

Attendees:		
Cllr Ray Herring (Chair)	SCDC	RH
Nick Barber	FTC	NB
Steve Gallant	SCDC	SG
Graham Newman	FTC	GN
TJ Haworth-Culf	SCDC	TJ-HC
Officer Representatives:		
Andrew Jarvis	SCDC	AJ
Ash Tadjrishi	FTC	AT
Laura Hack	SCDC	LH
Helen Greengrass	FF	HG
Tim Snook	SCDC	TS
Ben Woolnough	SCDC	BW

	ITEM	NOTES	Actions & LEAD
1.	Welcome and Introductions		
2.	Notes of the last meeting	<p>AT noted that the notes had been taken to the Town Council meeting on the 8th November.</p> <p>A walkabout will be organised for a future meeting to visit key sites in the town -noted that this should include Eastward Ho</p> <p>The notes were then agreed as a correct record</p>	<i>LH / AT</i>
3.	Felixstowe Leisure Vision	<p>A presentation was given by TS and BW on the work of the Sports Consultancy in determining the options for a leisure centre in Felixstowe, including potential sites.</p> <p>A wide-ranging discussion was had about the pros and cons of moving to a north-Felixstowe option and the exact areas of land</p>	

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		<p>this could be placed on. It was noted that there needs to be a clear strategy for pedestrian and cycle routes, with consideration on how the public can access the site from the town centre.</p> <p>FTC noted that there were concerns raised that by publishing the site options in the Local Plans documentation, this signalled that SCDC had already decided on the location. Reassurance was given, that at this stage all options were being considered, but that to move forward, discussions were needed with a range of landowners to determine their thoughts.</p> <p>It was agreed that there needs to be a clear balance between the requirements for local Felixstowe residents and those external to the town.</p> <p>Further discussion was had on the land belonging to the Town Council, on which allotments are housed. This was not put forward in the Issues and Options paper as it brings additional hurdles to build on such land. If it was felt that a commitment could be given at an early stage, exploration of how the land could and should be used in the wider Masterplan should be forthcoming.</p> <p>A query was raised around the potential usage for the swimming pool, particularly in attracting competition status. It was noted that advice from Sport England was sought in terms of requirements and while an 8 lane pool would support potential population growth, planning for competition standard did not provide a business case at this point in time.</p> <p>Sport England have noted the potential for a leisure centre to be co-located with other facilities, such as a school. It was also raised that to build on the existing site of Felixstowe Leisure Centre, the facility would be closed for 18 months, leaving Felixstowe with no pool during this time.</p> <p>The discussion included the potential usage for the seafront site in the future.</p>	
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		<p>GN raised the concern of the level and quality of football pitches as the current provision is overwhelmed with cars at the weekend. The issue of the Tennis Club was also highlighted, which could be mixed into the wider offer. TS noted that the old pavilion at Dellwood was to be demolished at the end of Jan 2018.</p> <p>HG asked for a statement on Leisure Redevelopment programme that can be used as the basis for any publicity or messages going forward. TS noted this was being prepared and would be shared as soon as possible.</p> <p>AT noted that FTC would then develop their own key messages on the proposals.</p> <p>It was agreed that a copy of the presentation would be shared with FTC and that TS would be invited to attend a FTC meeting and give the presentation and details on the consultation.</p> <p>RH noted that the Leisure Development Programme is Member-led and highlighted that four Cabinet Members were working on this from their different areas of responsibilities.</p> <p>A discussion then took place on how this work fed into any wider joint vision held by FTC and SCDC. It was agreed that a paper setting out this wider vision should be drafted, as a basis for discussion at the next meeting.</p>	<p><i>TS</i></p> <p><i>FTC</i></p> <p><i>TS / AT</i></p> <p><i>HG / AJ / BW</i></p>
4.	<p>Agree process for joint consideration of projects put forward for CIL funding.</p>	<p>AT enquired on what the process for CIL funding was going forward. FTC have had £27,800 and should receive £31,770 in future funding. There is also a potential for £120K from S106 monies.</p> <p>BW noted that the district had only received £800K in the current financial year, which had supported such projects as a doctors surgery and wasn't enough to meet demand. FTC had more flexibility in CIL than SCDC.</p> <p>Action – to determine whether S106 monies</p>	<p><i>TS / BW</i></p>

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		<p>can be used on Sports Hub.</p> <p>Action – to create a list of potential projects for future discussion.</p>	<i>HG</i>
5.	Beach Hut Review Update	<p>AJ noted that the sand platform on which around 55-70 huts stand on have to be created each year by Coastal Protection. There are on-going discussions with the sustainability of creating these, both in terms of funding and health and safety. A range of options are currently being worked through, with a meeting planned with the Felixstowe Beach Hut and Chalet Association.</p> <p>Coastal Protection have highlighted that an area of particular concern is that in front of the Spa Pavilion. The 8 huts that sit in this area will not be able to return in 2018 and will be written to before Jan to tell them of this decision. The situation continues to be monitored.</p> <p>AJ also highlighted that the two seafront shelters in a poor state of repair were being looked at as part of a wider seafront scheme that was being developed. This will include further sites for beach huts, which will require planning permission.</p> <p>A review of the chalets was also imminent.</p> <p>AT noted that FTC had been promised some beach huts as part of the original review and wanted to explore this opportunity further.</p>	
6	SCDC proposed activities in Felixstowe:	Covered in the above items	
7	Car Park Data	<p>Paper tabled giving information on each of SCDC's car parks, its occupancy rate and current fee tariff.</p> <p>This will be attached as an electronic version.</p>	<i>LH</i>
8	AOB including Park Run on Prom	Concern of North Sea Hotel site raised. It was noted that SCDC have looked at this on more than one occasion, but the site is	

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		<p>complex. FTC noted it would be better to have an empty space, rather than the building in its current condition. AJ noted that this would be revisited.</p> <p>The concept of Park Run was explained and AT noted that FTC had been approached for financial support to help them set one up on the Prom. It was reflected that it would be welcome in the town, but there were some health and safety issues to overcome.</p>	<i>AJ</i>
9	Theme and date of next meeting	<p>The theme of the next meeting will be the high level vision for Felixstowe, which will also set out the timeline for various streams of work both being undertaken and planned.</p> <p>The date of the next meeting is the 5th Feb at 10am.</p>	<i>HG</i>