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Minutes

Felixstowe Town Council / Suffolk Coastal District Council Joint Working Group

Date: Friday 19th October 2018

Time: 10.00 – 12.00noon

Venue: Felixstowe Town Hall

Attendees:		
Ray Herring	SCDC	Apologies
Nick Barber	FTC	
Steve Gallant	SCDC	
Graham Newman	FTC	
TJ Haworth-Culf	SCDC	
Geoff Holdcroft	SCDC	Stand in Chair

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

	ITEM	Notes	Action by
1.	Welcome and apologies	Apologies from Ray Herring	
2.	Notes of last meeting	Agreed	
3.	Masterplan	<p>Submission packaged up at the start of Sept and the TC was sent a copy of this. No significant change to Masterplan since last discussion with the TC. BW noted he has read through the TC response to the Local Plan consultation.</p> <p>In terms of going forward, the technical detail has reached a stage where it doesn't need to progress too much further, but work is starting on the background work on what to do with the sites, e.g. the Leisure Centre, ready for the Local Plan submission next March.</p> <p>SG noted that the key document would be useful to be shared publicly but was difficult to find online. Steve Henry has this now and will ensure it's shared on the Leisure pages. Steve has this prepared and should be sited soon and will also be on the Local Plan pages next week too. SG noted that when this does become available to the public that the link be shared with the TC.</p> <p>AT noted that he had been able to share elements</p>	<i>BW</i>



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	<p>with some of the Town Councillors to dispel any myths about the Local Plan that have arisen. BW noted happy to send the document round today as it has gone into the Local Plan.</p> <p>SG also noted that if the masterplan approach was put forward in the Final Draft Local Plan, it would be useful to get the infrastructure built out before the housing is. BW noted that we can now enter into a discussion with Homes England around getting them on board.</p> <p>AT noted the need to demonstrate how the plan developed since the District Council's analysis of the consultation responses, as there had been some negative views that claimed the consultation was fixed. It was noted that the TC's support for the Plan was predicated on delivering the best result for Felixstowe, not just for housing but also the infrastructure, leisure centre, roads etc.</p> <p>BW noted that there is a need to balance green and open spaces. It was important to note that if any is lost it will be replaced and other parts are being enhanced and this message needs to be sent out.</p> <p>HG noted that much of the public criticism is coming –from a small section of the community. There was a need to balance the negative views with the positive views of many local businesses and residents.</p> <p>TS noted that work to the leisure centre development is taking place, with a view that a Cabinet paper on the business case will come soon which sets out the initial designs and costings etc.</p> <p>AT noted that SCDC should look at the spine road through the forthcoming Walton North development to see that it fits with what the North Felixstowe plan offers. BW noted that some early work has taken place to look at the roundabout, but SCDC are keen that this is delivered by the Walton North development. This will probably be progressing before the Leisure Centre site is brought forward.</p> <p>SG noted that this was a great opportunity to enhance the gateway to Felixstowe. AT noted that Members had varying views on what the gateway could look like - from a sign to a piece of art. HG</p>	<p>BW</p>
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		noted that this would be an opportunity to change the way people can come into Felixstowe and how they move around - e.g. to get to the sea front.	
4	Update from SCDC on South Seafront / Seafront asset work	<p>BW noted thanks to the TC for feedback on the South Seafront proposals. Whilst it had gone through Planning, permissions have not yet been granted on this yet, but will be written up soon.</p> <p>Beach Huts A discussion was had on where the 55 huts that cannot return to the sand platform can go, setting out the potential new sites for huts.</p> <p>TC reps were pleased to note that that beach huts would not be located in the areas in front of the Town Hall and Town Hall gardens.</p> <p>SG noted that the Volley ball court would be the better location for huts than the Trim Trail. SG noted that pushing the accessibility of beach huts on this area - good PR that the DC or TC could rent out on a daily / weekly basis that visitors can enjoy and would be a draw to the town itself and this would link in to the south seafront development going forward.</p> <p>Noted that good relationship with the BH&CA has been fostered and this is a good thing.</p> <p>GN noted that the volley ball area was currently underused.</p> <p>The Dip application is going to Committee next month. A statement has been written to add to planning which sets out the response to any complaints through the planning process.</p> <p>Need to determine where the tourist information hut can do. Potential to leave it on the Prom - it is well used and open all year round.</p> <p>SG noted there was a lot of interest in hiring huts. Noted that SCDC need to look at a business case for doing this. SG noted that there is an</p>	



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		<p>opportunity for looking at who could run this. AT noted that the TC could be keen to have some huts and hire them out.</p> <p>Opportunity to look at minimising risk of anti-social behaviour in the development of the Accessibility hut site.</p> <p>NB noted that Clifflands and the Dip need to have a better offer over the winter months round the concessions offer etc.</p> <p>SG noted that a better offer at Clifflands would help to enhance this - getting rid of the portaloos and having a concession there.</p> <p>AJ noted that there is a debate to be had around this area.</p> <p>LH explained the rationale behind the Clifflands steps project, which will go to Cabinet for approval in December.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Strategy for play areas in Felixstowe</p>	<p>Members of the TC have been keen to see improvements to 10 play areas around the town. Martello Park looks fantastic but others have suffered over the past few years.</p> <p>AT has met with Sarah Shinnie and Simon Walker from Norse. Noted that there could be an opportunity for the TC and DC to work together on a project to improve a number of play areas. The TC could support some of this work and potentially take over the maintenance of the play areas in some way.</p> <p>Noted wanted to create a positive project that provides a programme of improvement / rationalisation for play areas in Felixstowe.</p> <p>AT noted that there is a significant amount of funding earmarked for play, plus CIL funding and reserves, plus Section 106 monies, should there be a holistic / strategic project around the use of these funds? TS noted that the Council are looking</p>	

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		<p>checked -</p> <p>Promotion of car parks SCDC promotion of car parks on website take public to a national site. Request from TC Members around better promotion of car parks in Felixstowe.</p> <p>TJHC noted that there will be a range of changes to car parking signs when we move to East Suffolk.</p> <p>GH noted that there is nothing on carparking on Visit Felixstowe. BW noted that needed to ensure that the Google Maps information is right too. TJHC noted that this would be a good joint project to ensure that all the car parking infos are well promoted.</p>	<i>AJ</i>
8.	Any Other Business	<p>HG reported back from a meeting yesterday that determined that from the 6th July event a prospectus for Felixstowe will be created- she interested to hear from TC on what that should include - with a view to encourage commercial investment and where money has been spent etc to date. Main use as an economic development tool to promote to new businesses etc and general public. Useful when seeking to approach the LEP for funding etc.</p>	<i>HG</i>
9,	Date of next meeting	<p>To be organised for January – theme will be to look at the prospectus.</p>	<i>LH</i>