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Felixstowe Town Council / East Suffolk Council Joint Liaison Group

Date: 15th February 2022 (14:00pm – 16:00pm)

Venue: Teams Call

Attendees:		
Steve Gallant	ESC	Chair
Nick Barber	FTC	
Letitia Smith	ESC	Apologies
Sharon Harkin	FTC	
Craig Rivett	ESC	

Officer		
Representatives:		
Andrew Jarvis	ESC	
Ash Tadjrishi	FTC	
Laura Hack	ESC	
Sarah Garbutt	ESC	
Neil Cockshaw	ESC	
Tim Snook	ESC	
Chris Phillips	ESC	

	ITEM	Notes	Action By
1.	Welcome and apologies	As above	
2.	Minutes of the last meeting -2 Nov 2021	 Felixstowe Joint Liaison Group Minute These were agreed as a correct record	
3.	Programme Updates	<p>Deben School site</p> <p>It was noted that the demolition phase has now completed, with the last of the crush now being taken away from the site. There was some damage from the recent storms to the hoardings, but these have now been secured.</p> <p>Phase 3 – the Housing element is now well underway and a Development Management team has been procured. The next steps are to appoint a sales agent, architect and procure the main contractor. Works on site are planned to start in early summer.</p> <p>The site is operating under the name of Deben Fields and the existing hoardings will be boarded with information about the development.</p> <p>Discussion was had around the weighing given within the procurement process of having a local contractor and sales agent. It was noted that the sales agent will have a local office, but that the contractor will be procured</p>	<i>LH to email the draft artwork</i>

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	<p>through a national framework, as experience in PassiveHaus construction is essential. However, there is a weighting on use of local subcontractors and corporate social responsibility, bringing in benefit to the local community.</p> <p>The Group were reassured that the site is secure. It was noted that the timing of the Phase 4 Leisure development is currently under discussion and more details can be brought to the next meeting.</p> <p>New Café site The Council handed the lease to the operators in Autumn 2021 and they are well underway in terms of fit out. The operators have not yet given a firm date for opening, but it is expected to be sometime in the Spring. The operator and Council are working on joint comms.</p> <p>Beach Village Due to the slightly longer time taken for Planning, it was decided to delay the start date for construction, as otherwise this would have been carried out through the summer season, impacting on the nearby businesses. The expected date for commencement is the first week of Sept, after the school holidays and work is now taking place to procure a main contractor.</p> <p>Martello P NC noted that the Council was waiting for a formal response from Historic England on the proposed designs for the tower. Initial feedback has been that they would support the changes in general, but that ideas such as opening up the wooden flooring inside would not be appropriate. Officers are working on a business case to look at different options so this can be formally put before councillors.</p> <p>Public realm / Masterplanning for the South Seafront The masterplan from 4 years ago is currently being refreshed in light of the changes and new projects that have come forward, not just</p>	<p>TS</p> <p>NC</p>
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		<p>by the Council, but also private business. The Council is looking at future use and design of the seafront gardens and Prom, linking these to CCTV, lighting, beach showers and stronger connectivity to the town centre and Landguard Fort.</p> <p>It was noted that more blue-sky thinking was required on this and other areas of the town, such as the use of the Triangle and reconfiguration of Hamilton Road.</p> <p>A suggestion was made to link to ESC's new cycling and walking strategy.</p> <p>Beach huts at the Spa</p> <p>Officers noted that the Council had written to the 44 hut owners notifying them of termination of licences at the Spa. There are 4 proposed relocation sites going to Planning Committee on the 7 March and it is hoped that enough spaces will be available to move these huts to from the applications and new licences issued. Discussions are ongoing with the Beach Hut and Chalet Association to determine how sites should be allocated and the Council is also taking legal advice on the matter.</p> <p>Discussion was had on a particular application at Golf Road, which would see the removal of a number of trees. It was noted that there had been some misinformation on local social media as to which trees were being removed. The Council has submitted a mitigation strategy to Planning, which has been formally commented on by the Tree Officer. FTC requested that a copy of this be sent to them to give reassurance to their councillors, as a Tree Protection Order had been requested on the site by the Town Council.</p> <p>North Felixstowe / Leisure</p> <p>Discussions are currently ongoing with Homes England as to the North Felixstowe site and a comprehensive approach is now being taken with wider landowners.</p> <p>Particular work is taking place on the masterplanning for the site and new leisure centre, looking at decarbonisation, green technology and strengthening links with the</p>	<p>LH</p>
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		<p>town centre. It was noted that a revised projected timeline could be brought to the next meeting.</p> <p>Internal plans for the new leisure centre are fairly advanced and these are now being used to inform how the exterior of the building can look. It was noted that the new leisure centre would take 24 months to build.</p> <p>The Council stressed that the two current leisure centres were being maintained to extend their lifespan.</p> <p>The Sports Hub programme is moving forward and discussions are being had with Felixstowe High School about Langley Avenue. Ongoing discussions are also taking place with the football, cricket and hockey clubs.</p>	NC
4	Assets and Capital Projects	<p>Hamilton Road Alleyway A feasibility study has been commissioned through Suffolk County Council on the alleyway and a meeting to showcase the initial designs is to be held later this week.</p> <p>It was requested that a small working party be set up to look at the designs, seek to unblock barriers to the project and undertake public consultation. As the alleyway is not adopted and there is uncertainty about land ownership and rights, this is not a straightforward project.</p> <p>Concerns were raised about the anti-social behaviour in the alleyway and wider issues with Hamilton Road, including the pothole that has opened up near Tesco's.</p> <p>Langer Park The Town Council are to receive a presentation on the plans for Langer Park on the 16 March. These plans include new tree planting, shrub clearance, reinstating the toilet block and a new play area. A tree planting ceremony will take place on 11 March as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, with 7 2m high oaks and one smaller one being planted by delegates from the District, Town and County Council, along</p>	

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		<p>with local school children from Langer Primary.</p> <p>A discussion was had on the drainage issues within the park, particularly the watercourse. Anglian Water and ESC have been served notice by the County Council to mitigate from future flooding from the ditch and a full report will be made later this year.</p> <p>However, it was noted that this is low-lying land and overland flooding will be an ongoing factor that the Council is taking into consideration in the development of the park. It is hoped that tree-planting and better use of the space will aid in lessening the impact of flash flooding and pooling of water.</p> <p>Use of spill out land for cafes on seafront The costing of the initial designs for this project were much higher than expected, due to the amount of piling and structural engineering required to ensure that there was no ground slippage.</p> <p>The business owners are fully informed as to the situation and a further temporary licence for this year has been applied for.</p> <p>Another architect is now looking at the site to determine what can be value-engineered to bring costs down.</p> <p>Orford Road Ramp The project had been subject to delays in terms of being granted a licence for works from the Environment Agency. This has now been forthcoming and the contractor is seeking to start on site in March. It is expected that this will be a 6-8 week build.</p> <p>Fishing Hut – including update on volunteer point The BID and volunteer reps recently met with the Council to determine how the tourist information point would be run going forward. The Council is seeking to start works on site in late Spring, but this depends on the outcomes of discussions with UKPN and getting electricity back to the site.</p> <p>Assets Update</p>	CP
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		<p>It was noted that Harwich Haven Authority will be carrying out works at the far end of Landguard Peninsula in the coming weeks, including on East Suffolk land. The Council will be asking for the appropriate licences in case of any issues.</p> <p>The snagging on Felixstowe Ferry toilets is near completion.</p> <p>The Peters Ice-cream Kiosk site will be tendered via Diamond Mills estate agents for a new operator. This will be a ground lease for 7 years and it was noted that there has been a considerable amount of interest in the site. A new kiosk located on the beach between Arwella and Manwick beach shelters is also being marketed. This is a beach hut style kiosk with no water or electricity and will be leased as a premises.</p> <p>The sale of land to the Golf Course for the next stage of their wider development programme is ongoing. This is subject to new proposals being heard by Planning Committee.</p>	
5.	Town Council updates and questions raised	<p>Blue Flag The Town Council thanked ESC for supporting them on the application process for the renewal of the Blue Flag award.</p> <p>Promenade Lighting A number of issues with the festoon lighting had been highlighted by the Town Council. These have been reported to Norse who assure that they are in hand.</p> <p>CCTV The Town Council are looking at provision of CCTV going forward and are working with the District Council on the potential upgrading of the system to enable central monitoring.</p> <p>Tree Planting 105 trees are being delivered on the 3 March from the Woodland Trust and will be planted on 11 March at key sites in the town, as well as the joint planting in Langer Park.</p> <p>Queen's Platinum Jubilee</p>	

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		<p>The Town Council is looking at and supporting a number of exciting projects for this year's celebrations. Full details are being issued in the Council's Spring Magazine. AT asked for any relevant contributions from Officers on current or upcoming projects for this edition.</p> <p>AT confirmed that documents were being finalised for the transfer of land at Gosford Way and Allenby Park from ESC to FTC. It was anticipated that the transfer could be completed before April, subject to confirmation at the 9 March Town Council meeting.</p>	<i>All</i>
6.	AOB	None	
7	Date of next meeting	17 May 2022	