



HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL
STRATEGY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of the meeting of the Strategy Committee,
held at the, Fleur-De-Lys Council Chamber, Market Street, Hailsham
On Monday 11th July 2022 at 7.00 p.m.

- STC/22/1/ **Election of Chair**
01 In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair of council (Cllrs P Holbrook and J. Puttick), Cllr M. Laxton was nominated and elected to Chair the meeting on this occasion.
- 02 **Public Forum**
None presented
- 03 **Present:** Cllrs; N. Coltman, D. Cottingham, M. Laxton, K. Nicholls, T. Powis, and A-M Ricketts.
- 04 **Officers Present:** J. Harrison (Town Clerk)
- 05 **Apologies For Absence:** received and accepted from Cllrs A. Clarke, P. Holbrook, R. Newark and J. Puttick.
- 06 **Declarations of Interest:**
None given
- 07 **Confirmation of Minutes**
RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the meeting of the Strategy Committee held on the 28th March 2022 as a correct record and that they are signed by the Chairman.
- 08 **Progress Against the Town Council's Strategic Plan**
The committee considered the report by exception.
- 08.1 New market stalls and WDC being more receptive. A positive to note. Still some issues within WDC and what they will & won't accept. Shops not necessarily against some of the stall holders. Have WDC discussed this with anybody? Members of the Communities Committee have spoken to local shops..

Could we invite the WDC link person to the Comms committee? Would be easier if chair of committee and an officer visited WDC officers.
- 08.2 Andy Joyes has put a lot of work into expanding youth services along with his new Deputy Manager. They have taken the service forward and explored new positive ideas such as knife crime initiatives. External praise had been heard from ESCC with regard to HTC's Youth Services. Have had external visits from other councils to come and see what we do.
- 08.3 Welbury Meadow field adoption still outstanding. JH chased Taylor Wimpey fairly recently. Is time to approach WDC and ask them to intervene. Enforcement team lack of resource. Committee recommend to go back to WDC to ask them to push this forwards.
- 08.4 John Harrison was also advised the land transfer of the village green should be ready in time for full council, but has not received. Should therefore be ready for September full council.
- 08.5 Currently have 35 lamp columns in need to repair. Again issue of resources at ESCC.

08.6 Some things we haven't done. Changing Places – have had site meeting. Will need to come to council for more money.

There are two issues: There is a main sewer in original planned location so decided have different site.

HTC had an indicative quote with addition of disabled toilet, which is close to £130K. The original resolution is just for £100K. So a suggestion is that we build ourselves and have fitted out. This needs to be discussed in more detail.

Council will need to resolve for more funding. Discussion about whether toilet should be locked. Issue of vandalism need to be factored. HTC need to work out the detail and explore options regarding the cost.

No more Questions on the current plan

09 **Confidential Business**

RESOLVED that the press and public are excluded during the discussion on the next two items of the agenda as they concern employment issues and the terms of tenders and proposals and counter proposals in negotiation for contracts, or are otherwise confidential information. to go into confidential business.
(25.50)

10 **CIL Projects**

The Committee were presented with reports for suggested CIL projects. It was down to the committee to determine which CIL projects it wished to carry forward and to consider their order of priority.

10.1 CIL funding to date was considered.

Total CIL received	£579,681.51	(No payment due for April 2022)
CIL Expenditure to date	£72,450.00	
CIL Allocated by Resolution (unspent)	£361,932.00	
Remaining	£145,299.51	

10.2 It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Council that it no longer allocates 25% of its total CIL receipts to 'Major Infrastructure projects' on the basis that this has never been clearly defined.

10.3 It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Council that an additional £30,000 from CIL receipts is allocated to the Changing Spaces project, with the facility to be installed at Western Road Recreation Ground.

10.4 **It was RESOLVED to agree priorities for CIL Projects for the Town Council's Strategic Plan as follows:**

Playgrounds

Changing Places (with recommendation for additional £30K)

Cricket Nets (Cricket club are ready to implement this)

Stoney Lane (dependent on partnership working with ESCC)

Cycle Café (dependent on partnership working with WDC and possible Hellingly PC)

Football club (dependent on & subject to joint funding & installation of public toilet)

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Review of the Council's Strategic Plan 2022-2026

The committee worked through the draft Strategic Plan and agreed to the following amendments:

Add in page numbers.

Add in number of employees in Staff Structure

Add in 'Key vision' from the Neighbourhood Plan to HTC's Aims and Objectives.

Add in names of locations under photographs

Add in Post Office under 'Discretionary Projects and Services'

Add land and assets owned and managed by HTC

Add in the other projects under Youth Services (i.e. Hailsham East, Hellingly)

Some typos noticed (2022).

Will add in separate sheet with CIL projects, as a 'CIL' list.

Remove directly funding the rebuild of the Maurice Thornton Pavilion as will be handing over to CIC.

Add in a better picture of the updated Western Road Rec playground.

Add in "Staff and Councillor's Training needs".

Add in recruitment of HR Administrator/Co-ordinator

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There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.49pm

CHAIRMAN