



REGENERATION AND STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Regeneration & Strategic Development Committee held at Meeching Hall, Fort Road, Newhaven on **Tuesday 26th November 2024 at 7:15pm.**

PRESENT: Councillors: Mark Wardle (Sub. for Cllr. S. Boniface)
Krissy Taylor
Kim Bishop
James Harrison (Sub. For Cllr. L Boniface)

ALSO ATTENDING: Ken Dry, Town Clerk
Stephen Honey, Executive Officer,
Laurie Marsden, Communications & Events Officer
Michelle Connors, NEZ Business Engagement Officer
Lee Davies, Director and Architect, HNW Architects

RSD0014/24 In the absence of both a Committee Chair and the Committee Vice Chair, the councillors present elected Cllr. Wardle to Chair the business of this meeting.

RSD0015/24 The Chair stated that this meeting will be recorded and then made publicly available on the Newhaven Town Council Website for 28 days, followed by its removal and deletion.

RSD0016/24 **TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN FOR THIS REGENERATION & STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE CIVIC YEAR.**

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that he was aware of only one nomination for Chair of this Committee, Cllr. S. Boniface, and that a replacement Vice Chair would be a matter for the next meeting of this committee.

Cllr. Bishop, **Seconded** the nomination of Cllr. S. Boniface for the role of Chair of this Regeneration & strategic Development for the remainder of the Civic Year.

Following a unanimous vote in favour of this proposition, it was,

RESOLVED that Cllr. S. Boniface will be the Chair of this Regeneration & Strategic development Committee for the remainder of the Civic Year.

RSD0017/24 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs, L. Boniface, S. Boniface and Woodling.

RSD0018/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - DISCLOSURE BY COUNCILLORS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA, AND WHETHER THE COUNCILLOR REGARDS THEIR INTEREST AS PREJUDICIAL UNDER THE TERMS OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

None declared.

RSD0019/24 TO CONSIDER WHETHER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE REGENERATION AND STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 27th AUGUST 2024 ARE AN ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 27th August 2024 were considered.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes be signed by the Chair to be a true record of the proceedings.

RSD0020/24 PETITIONS/PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received

RSD0021/24 NEWHAVEN HIGH STREET – SHOP FRONT PROPOSALS: PRESENTATION BY MICHELLE CONNORS AND CORRINE DAY OF THE NEZ.

Michelle Connors and Lee Davies made a presentation to the committee regarding the Shop Front Proposals Project, how it worked and how it was now been rolled out, with 5 shop holders already engaged in the same. The long-term aim of the project was to attempt to improve the general aesthetics of the varied shopfronts in the high street and thereby make it more attractive place to visit and shop in.

Following a range of questions from the committee, the Chair thanked them for attending and briefing them on the project.

RSD0022/24 EVENTS STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT 1ST DRAFT - DISCUSSION ITEM (EVENTS & COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER, LAURIE MARSDEN).

The Events & Communications Officer guided the committee through the first draft of a Council Events Strategy, identifying its key elements and its rationale.

Following discussion, the committee,

RESOLVED that this be reported to the Full Council in January 2025 to allow input from all Town Councillors.

RSD0023/24 DENTON PLAYGROUND INSTALLATION – ORAL UPDATE BY THE TOWN CLERK.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that construction of the play area was fast approaching completion with 95% of the play equipment installed and that some initial wet-pour surfacing had already been installed. However, the current spells of wet weather continued to frustrate a precise completion date which Cllrs Watts and Macleod were keen to act upon by way of an official opening event.

The Town Clerk indicated, that whilst it is anticipated that the play area would be completed prior to the Christmas Holidays, being able to organise a notable event to mark this would be very difficult, and ventured the idea of perhaps allowing the public/children's access to the play area (following all necessary safety checks) immediately on completion with a notable official opening when the weather had suitably improved.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk closely monitors final stage progress of the project and seek the views of Cllrs Watts and Macleod regarding an official opening of the site.

RSD0024/24 INCOME & EXPENDITURE REPORT TO NOVEMBER 19TH 2024.

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that there were no adverse issues to report and that expenditure line 4218 had been increased to £25K (for FY 25/26) to accommodate the likely increased range of Public Events emanating from the forthcoming Events Strategy.

The committee noted the report.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:36pm.

Date: Chairman

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