



REGENERATION AND STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Regeneration & Strategic Development Committee held at Meeching Hall, Fort Road, Newhaven on Tuesday 27th January 2026 at 7:15pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: Shaun Boniface (Chair)
James Harrison (Vice Chair)
Lesley Boniface
Krissy Taylor
Jan Woodling
Mark Wardle
Kim Bishop

ALSO ATTENDING: Ken Dry, Town Clerk
Stephen Honey, Executive Officer
Alison Campbel, RFO
Marc Thorley, Communications & Events Officer

RSD032/26 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.

RSD033/26 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

RSD034/26 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None made.

RSD035/26 **TO CONSIDER WHETHER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE REGENERATION AND STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2025 ARE AN ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING.**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 25th November 2025 were considered.

RESOLVED:

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

RSD036/26 **PETITIONS/PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None received.

RSD037/26 TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM MRS. PAULA WOOLVEN REGARDING A POTENTIAL 'HOMELESS HUB' IN NEWHAVEN.

Mrs. Woolven informed the meeting of the acute issue of Homelessness across the District and how this was becoming more prevalent in the Town of Newhaven and the need for greater co-ordination in multi-agency working to effectively assist those individuals experiencing the same.

Mrs. Woolven then outlined her action plan to start addressing the same and her desire for the Town Council (amongst other agencies) to assist in this.

Following a range of questions from Committee Members they thanked her for her presentation and the work she has undertaken to date.

RSD038/26 TO REVIEW THE TOWN COUNCIL EVENTS STRATEGY FOR THE ENSUING 12 MONTHS – MARC THORLEY (COMMUNICATIONS & EVENTS OFFICER).

The Communications & Events Officer made his presentation detailing both theoretical and practical suggestions for the Town Councils approach to these matters.

Committee Members noted the advisory content of the same and thanked the Communications & Events Officers for this.

RSD039/26 INCOME & EXPENDITURE REPORT TO JANUARY 20TH 2026.

Noted.

RSD040/26 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC - TO RESOLVE THAT THE PRESS AND PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FROM THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 1(2) OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT, 1960, IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED.

RESOLVED.

RSD041/26 CONFIDENTIAL – TO CONSIDER A COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY.

The Town Clerk summarised the contents of the strategy and its key aspects, specifically that all councillors maintain a united approach to the narrative outlined by the strategy when it is implemented.

Following discussion, the Committee unanimously,

RESOLVED, that the strategy be implemented and that the committee and all other councillors be advised when key aspects of the strategy are about to be implemented.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:15Hrs.

Date:

Chair