

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

16 JUNE 2016

7.00 pm – 8.05 pm

Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud

3**Minutes****Membership:**

Councillor Simon Pickering**	P	Councillor Sue Reed	P
Councillor Paul Denney *	P	Councillor Haydn Sutton	P
Councillor Chris Brine	A	Councillor Brian Tipper	P
Councillor Jim Dewey	P	Councillor Jessica Tomblin	P
Councillor Chas Fellows	P	Councillor Ken Tucker	P
Councillor Skeena Rathor	P	Councillor Tim Williams	A

** = Chair * = Vice Chair

P = Present

A = Absent

Officers in Attendance
 Strategic Head (Development Services)
 Planning Strategy Manager

 Neighbourhood Planning Officer
 Democratic Services Officer

The Chair invited Members to stand and observe a minute's silence in respect of Jo Cox the Member of Parliament for Batley and Spen who had been murdered earlier today.

EC.001**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Chris Brine and Tim Williams.

EC.002**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

EC.003**MINUTES****RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 31 March 2016 are approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

EC.004**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were none.

EC.005 **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Chair encouraged Members to put forward items that they wished to see on the Committee's Work Programme, these included:-

- Development of small neighbourhood projects for neighbourhoods (Councillor Sue Reed will work on this project with an officer)
- Policy for enforcement of planning conditions
- Maintenance of Carbon neutral position
- Maintain EMAS status
- Continue with Warm and Well Project
- Support investment in green economy
- Support Rural Suds
- Energy Saving for tenant, LED Light bulbs
- CHP at SPLC and possibility for heating the Outdoor Pool
- EA open up the weirs on the Frome to bring Salmon back to Salmon Springs
- Draft Heritage Strategy
- Draft Sustainable Construction Checklist
- Planning Obligations SPD
- Draft Green Infrastructure Strategic Framework SPD
- Local Plan Review: Issues Consultation

RESOLVED **To collate a list of suggested topics to be included on the Work Programme and circulate this to members of committee for their consideration.**

EC.006 **APPOINTMENT OF PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPRESENTATIVES**

The Chair confirmed that two members were required to monitor the performance of services within the remit of committee and update Committee. This was an important key scrutiny function.

RESOLVED **Councillors Sue Reed and Haydn Sutton would represent Committee.**

EC.007 **NOMINATIONS FOR OUTSIDE BODIES**

The Chair drew members' attention to the list of outside bodies within the remit of committee for the new civic year. Prior to the meeting the previous representatives had been contacted and were willing to continue in their roles, if another member did not come forward:-

Organisation

Berkeley Nuclear Stakeholders
Lower Severn Drainage Board
Minchinhampton and Rodborough
Commons Advisory Committee
Wessex Water
Cotswold AONB
Stroud Valleys Project Board
Tyndale Monument Charity

Councillor(s) Appointed

Councillor Brian Tipper + 1 vacancy
Councillor John Jones
Councillor Nick Hurst

vacancy
Councillor Nick Hurst
Councillor Nigel Cooper
Councillor Ken Tucker

Rural SUDS Steering Group

Councillor Simon Pickering

The Chair requested that in future representatives should provide a brief report to future meetings of the Committee to outline their work on their organisation. The vacant positions would be offered to all members.

The Task and Finish Group for the multi-service contract would continue until the New Year and membership would be confirmed via email. Notes would be circulated to enable all committee members to be fully informed of discussions that had taken place.

RESOLVED To agree the appointments to outside bodies as set out above.

EC.008 **EASTINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – PROGRESS TO REFERENDUM**

The Neighbourhood Planning Officer outlined the above report which had been the result of a lot of work being undertaken within the community. The plan had been independently examined and some policies had been added and some removed. The officer confirmed that the date of the referendum for all of his reports would be 18 August and not 11 August, as published.

Members debated the report and all accepted the amendment. It was clarified that the time frames offered by the Returning Officer for the referendum was either August 2016 or February 2017. All residents affected by each of the neighbourhood plans would need to be made fully aware of the referendum and the option to vote by post. The local communities affected would ensure through newsletters and social media that the referendums would be taking place.

RESOLVED

1. To accept all recommended modifications of the Examiner's Report (Appendix A).
2. That 'the plan', as modified, meets the basic conditions, is compatible with the Convention rights, complies with the definition of a neighbourhood development plan (NDP) and the provisions that can be made by a NDP; and
3. To take all appropriate actions to progress the plan to referendum on 18 August 2016.

EC.009 **STROUD TOWN CENTRE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – PROGRESS TO REFERENDUM**

The Neighbourhood Planning Officer outlined the above report and highlighted the change in the date of the referendum to 18 August 2016.

RESOLVED

1. To accept all recommended modifications of the Examiner's Report (Appendix A);
2. That the STCNDP, as modified, meets the basic conditions, is compatible with the Convention rights, complies with the definition of a neighbourhood

- development plan (NDP) and the provisions that can be made by a NDP;
3. To extend the referendum area to the entire Stroud Town civil parish area;
 4. To take all appropriate actions to progress the STCNDP to referendum on 18 of August 2016.

EC.010**WHITESHILL AND RUSCOMBE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – PROGRESS TO REFERENDUM**

The Neighbourhood Planning Officer outlined the above report and highlighted the change in the date of the referendum to 18 August 2016.

RESOLVED

1. To accept all recommended modifications of the Examiner’s Report (Appendix A);
2. That the W&RNDP, as modified, meets the basic conditions, is compatible with the Convention rights, complies with the definition of a neighbourhood development plan (NDP) and the provisions that can be made by a NDP; and
3. To take all appropriate actions to progress the plan to referendum on 18 August 2016.

EC.011**NAILSWORTH COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BUILD ORDER (CRTBO)**

The Neighbourhood Planning Officer outlined the above report and highlighted the change in the date of the referendum to 18 August 2016. He clarified various points raised by members.

RESOLVED:

1. To accept all recommended modifications of the Examiner’s Report (Appendix A); and
2. To take all appropriate actions to progress the plan to referendum on 18 August 2016.

EC.012**COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) DRAFT CHARGING SCHEDULE UPDATE**

The Planning Strategy Manager outlined the above report and made reference to the Late Pages; Appendix B - Summary of the 27 consultation responses that had been received and had been circulated to members by email. Officers would be setting up meetings with Gloucestershire County Council, Town and Parish Councils to ensure that a robust set of procedures were in place following best practice.

The Officer suggested an amendment to the published decision box for the addition of the words “recommended changes set out in Appendix B and ...” prior to the words “subject to the”.

RESOLVED:

To approve the Draft CIL Charging Schedule set out in Appendix A for submission, subject to the recommended changes set out in Appendix B and agreement of Strategy and Resources Committee.

EC.013

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

There were none.

The meeting ended at 8.05 pm.

Chair