

## ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

15 December 2014

7.00 pm – 9.10 pm  
 Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud

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### Minutes

#### Membership:

Councillor Simon Pickering (Chair)	P	Councillor Colin Fryer	A
Councillor Paul Smith (Vice-Chair)	P	Councillor Chas Fellows	A
Councillor Liz Ashton	P	Councillor Haydn Jones	P
Councillor Tim Boxall	A	Councillor Roger Sanders	P
Councillor Paul Denney	P	Councillor Brian Tipper	P
Councillor Julie Douglass	P	Councillor Tim Williams	P

P = Present                      A = Absent

#### Other Councillors Present:

Councillor Jonathan Edmunds

#### Officers Present:

Strategic Head (Development Services)	Canal Partnership Manager
Principal Planning Officer	Solicitor
Accountancy Manager	Democratic Services Apprentice

#### Others Present

Tom Jarman, Director, Biocentre Technology Ltd

#### EC.023

#### APOLOGIES

Apologies of absence were received from Councillors Tim Boxall, Colin Fryer and Chas Fellows

#### EC.024

#### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

#### EC.025

#### MINUTES

#### **RESOLVED**

**That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 September 2014 are confirmed and signed as a correct record.**

**EC.026**                      **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were none.

**EC.027**                      **BIOCENTRE TECHNOLOGY LTD**

Members received a PowerPoint Presentation from the Director for Biocentre Technology Ltd, giving the committee a brief understanding of his background and the work that Biocentre do. He also clarified points surrounding technology and the effect it has on economics.

**RESOLVED**                      **To note the report.**

**EC.028**                      **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee discussed various topics and areas they would like to cover at their next meeting which included; a Fracking presentation from Cotswold AONB, Review of Dog Waste Bin Provision, Interim Mitigation Strategy for Rodborough and the Wotton Neighbourhood Plan.

**RESOLVED**                      **To add the above to the Work Programme.**

**EC.029**                      **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2014/15 Q2**

The Accountancy Manager provided Members with an update of the revenue budget and capital programme for 2014/15.

**RESOLVED**                      **To note the outturn forecast for the general fund revenue budget and the capital programme for 2014/15.**

**EC.030**                      **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REVENUE ESTIMATES – REVISED 2014-15 AND ORIGINAL 2015-16**

The Accountancy Manager highlighted the key points within the above report and clarified various aspects regarding the allocation of the budget.

**RECOMMENDED TO STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

- a) The estimates set out in Appendix B of this report be approved;
- b) The revised capital programme for 2014/15 and the capital programme for 2015/16, as shown in Table 2 (page 6) is approved;
- c) Growth and investment, as set out in Appendix C is included in the Council's budget plans for 2015/16.

**EC.031**                      **KINGSWOOD VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT, KINGSWOOD CONSERVATION AREA STATEMENT (NO.8) AND ACCOMPANYING EVIDENCE**

The Principal Planning Officer took outlined the above report. The committee shared their positive views and thoughts on these statements.

**RESOLVED**                      **a) Adopt the Kingswood Design Statement and Conservation Area Statement (No. 8) as Supplementary**

- Planning Advice (SPA) and;**  
**b) Endorse the supporting evidence to the SPA.**

**EC.032****RANDWICK VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT**

The Principal Planning Officer took the committee through the design statement, the Chair then invited a member from that ward to speak on the parish's behalf. Overall the comments were supported not only by committee but also by the parish and all members welcomed the plan.

**RESOLVED**            **To adopt the Randwick Design Statement as Supplementary Planning Advice (SPA).**

**EC.033****LODGEMORE LANE COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER**

Both the Canal Partnership Manager and the Solicitor outlined the report and clarified points of interest such as alternative access and the maximum weight limit.

- RESOLVED**
- 1) To make a compulsory purchase order to be known as "The Stroud District Council (Stroudwater Navigation and Thames and Severn Canals) (No 12) (Lodgemore Bridge) Compulsory Purchase Order 201..." and for that purpose to delegate to the Legal Services Manager authority to determine the most appropriate requirements in respect of the extent of land and new rights to be included for acquisition in the order taking account of any decision pursuant to 6 below provided that those requirements are contained within the maximum requirements approved pursuant to 2 below.**
  - 2) To approve the Order Map presented to the Committee with this report as containing the maximum requirements in respect of land and new rights to be acquired to achieve the purpose of the Compulsory Purchase Order but to authorise the Legal Services Manager to amend the Order Map as necessary, to reflect any determination made pursuant to 1 above.**
  - 3) To approve the Statement of Reasons for the making of the Order (Appendix 1).**
  - 4) That the Legal Services Manager be authorised to take all steps required to secure the confirmation of the order.**
  - 5) To confirm that the decisions contained in 1-4 above supersede all previous resolutions in respect of the proposed Compulsory Purchase Order.**
  - 6) To delegate to the Canal Project Manager authority to proceed with all actions necessary to procure the construction of either a lifting bridge or swing bridge in replacement of the existing bridge at Lodgemore Lane as he considers most appropriate balancing the requirements of cost, funding availability, programming, legal and planning issues.**

**EC.034**                      **PERFORMANCE MONITORING**

Councillor Tim Williams presented his report to committee. Members also agreed that they should separately discuss aspects of the Performance Monitoring Report regarding the proposed waste service contract and due to its commercial sensitivity such should be done with the press and public excluded.

**RESOLVED**                      **To note the report.**

**EC.035**                      **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was moved that in accordance with paragraph 19.1 of the Constitution, the press and public be excluded. The Committee considered that in all the circumstances of the case (in particular the commercial sensitivity of the financial / business affairs information to be discussed by the Committee regarding the proposed service contract) that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosure.

**RESOLVED**                      **To exclude the press and public pursuant to Schedule 12A paragraph 3 of the Local Government Act 1972 .**

As a consequence, the live broadcast of the meeting was suspended, during which time, the Committee considered the various options for the service contract open to the Council.

**EC.036**                      **OUTSIDE BODIES**

The Chair confirmed that Councillor Dave Mossman was Stroud District Councils' representative on the Stroud Valleys Project Board. The Committee then discussed interests in a member becoming Stroud District Councils' representative for Minchinhampton and Rodborough Common Community Rooms.

**RESOLVED**                      **That an email be sent offering Members Minchinhampton and Rodborough Common Community Rooms.**

**EC.037**                      **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

None received.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

**Chair**