

## PLANNING & ECONOMIC REGENERATION COMMITTEE

### Draft Minutes of the meeting held in the Large Hall of the Town Hall, Calne on Monday 19 February 2007

**PRESENT:** Councillor C J Viner – Town Mayor – Ex Officio  
Councillor R Golding - **Chair**  
Councillor P R Atkinson – **Vice-Chair**  
Councillor Mrs M J Baggs  
Councillor T A Briggs  
Councillor Ms H E Canfer  
Councillor P Dolman  
Councillor A J Trotman

**OFFICERS:** Mrs A Kingdon – Town Clerk  
Mrs S Chappell - Minute Secretary

#### 62/06 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor J Ireland.

#### 63/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor A J Trotman as a Member of Wiltshire County Council, declared an interest in Agenda Item 7. He would remain and take part in any discussion.

#### 64/06 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Economic Regeneration Committee held on Monday 18 December 2006, having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### 65/06 ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillor Atkinson was proposed by Councillor Mrs Baggs, seconded by Councillor Viner, and there being no other nominations, it was

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Councillor Atkinson be elected Chair of the Planning And Economic Regeneration Committee for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

As this meeting was the last in the current municipal cycle, there was no need to elect a Vice-Chair.

## **66/06 HIGHWAY MATTERS**

There was nothing to report from the Area Highway Engineer.

Members made the following comments:

- It was noted that there was a huge amount of litter in the hedges and verges alongside roads in the Calne Area. As grass cutting was not possible at this time of year, could the Parish Steward undertake this type of work. Unfortunately the position of Parish Steward was currently vacant.
- Cllr Trotman stated he was a member of the WCC Task Group currently assessing the “street scene” and this matter was not the responsibility of WCC, NWDC have responsibility for verges and would address the litter problem if requested.

## **67/06 EARMARKED RESERVES**

The Earmarked Reserves were noted together with the Capital Receipt allocations for this Committee.

## **68/06 WILTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL BUS STOP CLEARWAYS**

The letter received from Mouchelparkman was noted.

Members made the following comments:-

- Councillor Dolman would like to see the bus stop outside of the Town Hall extended to accommodate the number of buses that could be at the stop at any one time.
- Councillor Trotman felt it would be difficult to extend this bus stop, and the problem has arisen due to longer wheel based buses being used. It may be preferable to review the bus timetables, to ensure too many buses are not due at the stop at the same time.

## **69/06 CCTV**

The Community Development Officer’s report, which is attached to and forms part of these Minutes, was noted and members made the following comments

- As the budget for the next financial year has just been set, this needs to be considered for budget in 2008/09 financial year.
- All opportunities for grant funding should be investigated.

## **70/06 INFORMATION CENTRE STAFFING**

The Community Development Officer’s report, which is attached to and forms part of these Minutes, was noted.

## **71/06 TRAFFIC CALMING WORKING GROUP**

The Notes of the meeting of the Traffic Calming Working Group held on Thursday 1 February 2007 were noted with the following comments:

- The Representatives from Wiltshire County Council totally missed the point regarding the re-opening of the High Street, which was to encourage motorists to use the by-pass or other routes, rather than drive through the Town Centre.
- Councillor Dolman was opposed to re-opening the High Street as he feels it will not alleviate the problem.
- Councillor Baggs was in favour of re-opening the High Street, adding this was in response to public opinion.
- Councillor Viner felt that better signage would be a valuable aid to encourage traffic to use the by-pass.
- Councillor Golding added that a lot of traffic, when exiting the Abberd area will turn left towards the town rather than right onto the by-pass, and on occasions traffic can be queued there for 20 minutes. An option may be to improve and open Sand Pit road.
- Councillor Briggs felt that perhaps the different views held by Wiltshire County Council were based on a county wide perspective of long term plans.

The Members requested the Town Clerk to write on this matter to Wiltshire County Council reference the various transport schemes.

## **72/06 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**72.1. *Town Centre Management Funding*** - Noted

**72.2. *Freeview – Digital Television Switchover*** - Noted, with the following comments:

- Residents of Shaftesbury had successfully worked together to have the local transmitter boosted. Councillor Trotman had details of people involved with this and would forward it to Bank House.
- Cllr Golding felt it would be preferable to push for a digital reception, as so many local residents have already purchased set top boxes which at present are useless. If this was not possible to push for an improvement to the Mendip Transmitter.

The meeting closed at 6.30 p.m.