

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY PROJECT COMMITTEE OF THE TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, TRING, ON MONDAY 29th JANUARY 2007 AT 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: J. S. Allan (in the chair)
Mrs P.J. Hearn
N. A. Hollinghurst (ex officio)
Mrs D. M. Rance

Co-opted: Lynda Hobley
Katie McManus
Alan Partridge
Robert Stringer

Also Present: Councillors: Mrs O. M. Conway
P. Coneron
L. J. Harris

Mrs S. Johnson, Clerk of the Council
No members of the public

13788. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Brian Kazer and Mark Mitchell.

13789. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

13790. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18th December 2006 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

13791. **MATTERS ARISING**

Arising from Minute 13736, clarification was sought as to the nature of the 10-year Plan. The Committee confirmed that it was to be a Plan for Tring formulated by the Town Council, but acknowledging what could not actually be carried out by the Council. Where that was the case, the Council would encourage others to make its proposals reality. The Clerk would circulate copies of the 'toolbox' section of the Good Councillors' Guide, which listed the powers of parish councils, to non-councillors on the Committee.

Arising from Minute 13737, Michael Edmunds had resigned from the Committee.

13792. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present.

13793. **REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS**

The reports of the Working Groups had been circulated or placed around the table. Councillors Harris, Mrs Hearn and Mrs Rance went through their individual reports for the benefit of other Committee members; and some amendments/additions were made. The Committee decided that the style of the documents to be put out for public consultation should be a series of brief statements encapsulating high level aspirations. The Chairman undertook to rewrite the agreed statements in a uniform style to hand out at the consultation event on 26th February 2007.

13794. **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

This would take place on Monday 26th February 2007 at 8 p.m. in the Victoria Hall, Akeman Street. The Committee should arrive at least 20 minutes earlier, to help with setting up. Advertising of the event would be by poster, website, word of mouth and, it was hoped, in the press. On arrival the public would be handed the draft aspirations' list and during the course of the evening would be asked to comment and add suggestions. It would be stressed that the document being formulated would not deal with detail, but generalisations. If sufficient numbers turned up, the meeting would break into workshops to deal with individual topics. The Council would provide any equipment necessary for the consultation; and some light refreshments. Subsequently an article would be written for the *Town Crier* by the Chairman acknowledging all those contributing from the Committee and explaining the project. It was hoped a sheet would be inserted in the *Town Crier* to enable a town-wide consultation on the final draft to be carried out. After sufficient time had elapsed for responses the Committee would meet to finalise publication of the Plan.

13795. **CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE**

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that Councillor Allan should remain as Chairman of the Committee until the next ACM.

The meeting ended at 8.30 p.m.

Chairman