

Bude-Stratton Town Team
Minutes of Meeting 16th March 2022

1 Present

Organisation

Name

Local Cornwall Cllr

Peter La Broy

High Street Representative

James Neep (Matters & Wellby)

Bude Area Tourist Board

Linda Winstanley (Vice Chair)

Bude Area Tourist Board

Mark Hibbard

Education representing Primary and Secondary sector

Jonathan Walter (Stratton Governor)

Bude Coastal Community Team

Adrian Bennett

Bude Chamber

Ian Mason

Transition Bude

Robert Pearce

Bude Climate Partnership

Ian Saltern

Officers in Attendance

Keith Cornwell

Town Clerk - Bude-Stratton Town Council

1 Introductions

Members of the team made introductions and apologies noted, in the absence of the Chair due to illness, Linda Winstanley, chaired the meeting.

2 Acceptance of previous Minutes/record

The minutes of the previous meeting on 9th February 2022 were approved.

3 Feedback from Design, Finance and Communications Team

The Design Team were working on the project plan that would cost and time the necessary steps to work the project up for consultation and meet the requirements of a planning application in due course.

The Finance Team had met and would be furthering a funding bid to Cornwall Council's Towns Vitality Fund, which has been made specifically available to Towns in Cornwall to develop town centre enhancement projects. Further costings were required and the extent consultation exercises, Town Centre Audits and Highways Studies would need to be determined. If the project were move to delivery, the main source of funding would be from Central Government. Other sources of funding such as CIL were also considered – but subsequently found to be not suitable for this type of project. Some thought had been given to income streams to cover any additional running costs.

The Communications Team were working up plans to consult with town centre traders, with a special focus on those businesses located around the Triangle area. Wider consultation would also be undertaken with the public. This would be followed up once the Town Council had considered the future of the project at its meeting on the 17th March, support for the project was encouraged.

4 Update from Scott Mann and Cllr Steve Rushworth visit

Scott Mann MP and Cllr Rushworth (Cornwall Council Economic Development Portfolio Holder) had visited Bude and viewed the area and discussed the concepts of town centre improvement. The ideas tabled were well received. Cllr Rushworth was supportive of deploying the Town Vitality Fund to further develop the ideas into a deliverable project. Scott Mann advised that the ideas fitted very well into the purpose of the Shared Prosperity Fund that was shortly to be launched by Government and that he would be supportive of such funding being allocated if a fully worked up plan could be presented.

5 Loss of Triangle Tree and update on options

The Town Council has secured the tree and would be consulting the public and deciding on future uses of the timber. There need be no direct involvement of the Town Team in this process.

6 Next steps

The Town Council will consider the project on the 17th March

Next meeting to be arranged.