



Uppingham Town Council
Town Hall, High Street East,
Uppingham, Rutland. LE15 9PY

Environment, Infrastructure & Amenities Committee (EIAC)
Minutes recorded on Monday 12th August 2024 at 6pm.

MINUTES

Present: Cllr Liz Clarke (Chair). Cllr Trevor Colbourne. Cllr Barry Hobbs. Cllr Mark Shaw.
Cllr Ron Simpson BEM. Cllr David Ainslie BEM (ex officio)

Also Present: Mr Adam Lowe (Clerk to the Council). 1 member of the public.

EIAC24/31 Apologies. None

EIAC24/32 Declaration of Members' interests and applications for dispensation.
Cllr Hobbs – Non-Pecuniary Item 7 as advertised – Town Hall Security.

The meeting was suspended at 6.02pm to allow public deputations.

EIAC24/33 An opportunity for the public to speak.
A member of the public spoke on Item 7 as advertised – Town Hall Security.

The meeting resumed at 6.09pm

EIAC24/34 To confirm the minutes of the Committee's 3rd July 2024 meeting.
Cllr Ainslie raised a point regarding outstanding actions, the Clerk to the Council gave a brief overview and for future meetings this would become an agenda item.

Proposed Cllr Ainslie. Seconded Cllr Shaw. Carried.

EIAC24/35 Item 7 was brought forward. Town Hall Security. Following an open discussion and debate which followed on from the member of public's deputation the Committee felt it was appropriate for a review of the Town Hall Security to be undertaken.

Recommendations were as follows:

- (i) Clerk to the Council meets with Helen Becque to explore options and ideas.
- (ii) Clerk to the Council meets with Cllr Hobbs and Cllr Shaw to discuss the options and ideas with a view to identifying a solution to bring back.

Proposed Cllr Ainslie. Seconded Cllr Shaw. Carried.

EIAC24/36 Item 5 High Street regeneration was to receive an update on anticipated spending of the United Kingdom Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF). Following an open discussion and debate the Committee felt that the monies should benefit the Town and this would be communicated in an open and transparent means.

Recommendations were as follows:

- (i) The purchase of an electronic noticeboard would benefit the Town as they are environmentally friendly, cost effective, and easy to update. The location, style and cost would need to be determined and this will be communicated back to Council and RCC.
- (ii) Christmas Lighting purchase as part of the Town Centre offering to help enhance the festive events of the Town business and other organisations.
- (iii) The UKSPF would also be used for a specific Event over the Christmas period to help enhance and promote Uppingham as a tourist and shopping center of excellence. Details and costing would need to be explored.
- (iv) Communication of this use of the UKSPF would be circulated to the Uppingham businesses via a newsletter style document which will be produced within the Council.

Proposed Cllr Ainslie. Seconded Cllr Shaw. Carried.

EAIC24/37 Item 8 from the agenda, Christmas Lights renewal. Following an open discussion and debate which covered the options of hire or buy, and which contractor to use the Committee recommendations were as follows:

The Council will purchase new icicle lights. (Stalactitlight).
The Council will continue with the cross-street lighting approach.
The Council will require lights in High Street East & West.
The Council will require lights in the Market Place. (Further cost required)
The Council require Blachere to pull test anchor points.
The Council will engage Blachere, which is on a yearly basis of renewal.
The Council wish to enquire on a cost for Christmas Tree lights. (Tree is third party)

The Committee requested that an upgrade of the lighting infrastructure is undertaken.

Proposed Cllr Shaw. Seconded Cllr Clarke. Carried.

The meeting was suspended at 7.16pm for a comfort break.

The meeting resumed at 7.19pm.

EAIC24/38 Item 6 from the agenda, to consider a revised draft of the Council's proposed Biodiversity policy, following an open discussion and debate and following some amendments from the original draft version, the committee will be adopting the document as presented and a copy would be shared interested parties.

Proposed Cllr Ainslie. Seconded Cllr Shaw. Carried.
Abstention Cllr Simpson.

The meeting closed at 7.22pm,

Signed..... Date.....