

**SPECIAL MEETING OF TOWN TEAM COMMITTEE**  
**15<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

**At the Watermark, Ivybridge at 6pm**

Present: Gary Streeter (in the Chair)

District Cllr Tony Barber, Town Cllrs Mrs Silsbury and Mel Vincent; Richard Peachey, Jack Sutcliffe, Steve Hitch, Simon Blacker, Caroline Hodgson, Joanne Parr and Amanda Pellatt

In attendance –James Doxford (SHDC); Malcolm Elliot (SHDC); Mark Felgate and Ed Salter (Peter Brett Associates); Paul Weston (Levanter Properties); Cllrs Mrs Frances Green and Phillip Dredge; Tim Bacon (TDA) Lesley Hughes (Town Clerk, Ivybridge Town Council)

1. Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Roger Croad, Cllr Mike Saltern and Margaret Punchard
2. Declaration of interests and permitted dispensations

No new declarations were made in addition to those approved at the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> September.

3. Gary Streeter welcomed Amanda Pellatt to her first meeting of the Town Team and then invited Town Team members to consider co-opting Steven Vincent of the Ivybridge Magazine to the team. **Agreed**

4. Mark Felgate and Ed Salter of Peter Brett Associates gave a presentation outlining the process for the Ivybridge Retail and Leisure Study (copy of presentation slides attached).

Questions were asked on the consultation process and it was agreed that a press release would be issued early the following week to raise awareness of the household survey which would commence within the next week.

If any other queries were to be raised then Mark and Ed offered contact via email – contact details are: [mfelgate@peterbrett.com](mailto:mfelgate@peterbrett.com) and [esalter@peterbrett.com](mailto:esalter@peterbrett.com)

For item 5 the following people joined the meeting:

Clive Wilson (Stowford Mill Manager); Anthony Eke and Joanne Harwood (Vickery Holman); Jonathan Davis (Granted Consultancy) and James Cole (Hawkins Hydro)

5. Stowford Mill

Clive Wilson was invited to outline the situation in relation to the Mill closure and the current status in relation to marketing the Mill site. Clive confirmed that once

the manufacture had ceased (scheduled for final closure in the first quarter of 2014) then the Mill and equipment on site would be sold. The Mill wasn't being actively promoted but a number of approaches had been received.

Malcolm Elliot outlined the position in relation to the Planning Brief and the type of constraints, including flood risk and highways. It was anticipated it would be a mixed use site and he was intending to speak to Tim Bacon of TDA to help inform the brief which he intended to have in draft form within the month.

It was suggested that now would be timely to do ecological reports etc or potentially have pre-application discussions, but Clive Wilson believed that it would be too early to commence such detailed work.

James Cole and Jonathan Davis spoke about the opportunities for hydro power, which the Town Council and Stowford Mill had explored previously to the stage of commissioning a feasibility study. Clive Wilson highlighted that the leat needed some major work and the Environment Agency was likely to want to reduce the water abstraction.

Malcolm Elliot indicated that more discussion with the Environment Agency would be needed in relation to the flood risk category and the abstraction issues.

Other issues raised were affordable housing allocations, converting the actual listed mill building for different uses, categories of employment use and the possibility of temporary workshop facilities before the site closed.

SHDC confirmed that they were processing the application by ITC for the site to be designated under the new community right to bid legislation. It was clearly understood that there was no desire on anyone's part to create unnecessary delay if an appropriate purchaser of the site came forward. The email from Dave Chapman outlining the support which was potentially on offer from Locality was made available.

It was agreed that once the draft brief was available then a further discussion could be held which sought to ensure that the Mill site continued to play a key role in the town on the basis of a mixed use site and not become a derelict eyesore.

The meeting closed at 7.31pm

Signed.....  
Chairman

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