

**MEETING OF TOWN TEAM COMMITTEE**  
**4<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at 6pm**

**At the Town Hall, Ivybridge**

Present: Gary Streeter, District Cllrs Saltern and Barber, Town Cllr Mrs Silsbury, County Cllr Croad, Steve Hitch, Caroline Hodgson, Richard Peachey, Joanne Parr and Margaret Punchard

In attendance –Lesley Hughes (Town Clerk, Ivybridge Town Council) and John Coates (Tone Leisure Trustee)

1. Apologies were received Amanda Pellatt, Jack Sutcliffe, Cllr Mrs Pringle and James Doxford.

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. Notes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September were considered, including the revised Terms of Reference (previously circulated).

The minutes were then approved and signed by the Chairman.

In relation to the item about a process for out of pocket expenses for Town Team members it was reported that District Cllrs Mike Saltern and Tony Barber had approved a sum of £150 each, to which Cllr Roger Croad added a further £150 from his community allocation held by Ivybridge Town Council.

Cllr Saltern advised that the proposals for the TESCO 106 money being ringfenced for specific purposes was subject to legal advice to ensure it met the conditions of expenditure. MS would report back to the next committee meeting.

4. Ivybridge Leisure Centre – GS invited SH to comment. Since the last meeting SH had met with Town Team members who were unable to be at the September meeting and had also managed to include a learner pool. SH couldn't go any further now unless an asset transfer was feasible. MS advised that a meeting on the future of the Leisure Centre was due on 4<sup>th</sup> November with the Town Council. Proposals for South Hams Leisure Centres would go to Executive in 2014 and Tone Leisure would be invited to submit ideas. GS thanked SH.

5. Town Centre Vision

During discussion it was agreed that paragraph 2 should be amended to reflect a theme for the town based around sports, healthy lifestyles and outdoor activities.

In relation to closer links with the College MS advised that Jack Sutcliffe had met with Dominic Fenton earlier in the day and it was hoped that Rob Haring would attend the next meeting.

Item 7 in respect of walking should be encouraged. Amanda Pellatt had submitted some additional text. The importance of DNP being engaged and the Two Moors Way linked in with the theme.

Stowford Mill site would be resolved as a purchaser had come forward, so that it wouldn't remain derelict.

Richard Peachey suggested Bridge to the Future for the branding. Input would be invited on ideas (suggestions would be sought on 25<sup>th</sup> October) and then money allocated for this piece of work.

*Steve Hitch and John Coates left the meeting.*

6. Neighbourhood Plan – whilst the Town Plan was looking at ideas for enhancing and activities in the town it wasn't necessarily addressing the issues in the DPD which needed to allocate land use and the new plan would be emerging to cover the period to 2026. MS advised that there could be flexibility around the central area – no prescriptive direction and options remained open. It was possible that the Stowford Mill site could deliver some of the development.

7. Stowford Mill – nothing further to add

8. Retail/Business update – Richard Peachey reported that Dame Hannahs Charity shop had moved out of Glanvilles Mill into Fore Street and that quite a few shops were on the market, for example Ogggy Ogggy and the Fish and Chip shop. Lesley Hughes added that Levanter had two shops due to open - Whoopee Toys and the Salvation Army. She also outlined the concerns expressed by Jack Sutcliffe earlier in the day in respect of business rates and the impact this was having on the shops in Glanvilles Mill where rents could be reduced to keep a business trading, but rates were not at all flexible and could result in shops closing.

*Cllr Saltern left the meeting*

9. Wider Town Team meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> October at the Library. GS to amend the Town Plan document following the discussion earlier and present it to the meeting for feedback. He would also arrange for a press release to be sent out and posters were being distributed.

**Date of next Committee meeting – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 5.30pm**

The meeting closed at 6.45pm

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....