

GROWTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Growth Scrutiny Committee of Bolsover District Council held as a Virtual Meeting on Wednesday 17th February 2021 at 10:00 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:-

Councillor Jen Wilson in the Chair

Councillors Derek Adams, Jim Clifton, Tricia Clough (Vice-Chair), David Dixon, Chris Kane, Tom Kirkham and Tom Munro.

Officers:- Grant Galloway (Director of Development), Chris Fridlington (Assistant Director of Development and Planning), Ian Barber (Head of Property Services & Housing Repairs), Kath Drury (Information, Engagement and Performance Manager) (left during Minute No GRO49-20/21), Jonathan Hendy (Tourism & Town Centre Officer), Jo Wilson (Scrutiny & Elections Officer), Tom Scott (Governance Officer) and Liz Robinson (Governance Support Officer).

Also in attendance at the meeting were Councillor Liz Smyth (Portfolio Holder - Economic Development) and Councillor Tracey Cannon.

GRO43-20/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

GRO44-20/21 URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

The Chair had no urgent items of business.

GRO45-20/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

GRO46-20/21 MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Jen Wilson and seconded by Councillor Tom Munro.

RESOLVED that the minutes of a meeting of a Growth Scrutiny Committee held on 16th December 2020 be approved as a true and correct record.

GRO47-20/21 LIST OF KEY DECISIONS AND ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE

The Scrutiny and Elections Officer presented the list of Key Decisions to Members.

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It was moved by Councillor Jen Wilson and seconded by Councillor Tom Munro to note the list of Key Decisions.

RESOLVED that the List of Key Decisions and Items to be considered in private document be noted.

GRO48-20/21 COUNCIL AMBITIONS PERFORMANCE UPDATE - OCTOBER 2020 TO DECEMBER 2020 (Q3 - 2020/21)

The Information, Engagement and Performance Manager presented the Council Ambitions Performance Update October 2020 to December 2020 (Q3 - 2020/21) report to Members. The purpose of the report was to report the quarter 3 outturns for the targets supporting the Council's Ambition 2020-2024 and relevant supporting service indicators.

Councillor Tom Munro referred to the indicator ENV08 mentioning "Action Housing have completed the Old Co-op building in Whitwell and it is now ready for tenants to move in" and gave Members a progress update by stating that tenants had now moved in to four of the five apartments. He wished to pass on his thanks to Action Housing for their role in achieving this.

Councillor Derek Adams stated that in Carr Vale, Action Housing had taken over two properties and refurbished them, but the windows were recently vandalised and the tenants were told paying for new glass was their responsibility. The Information, Engagement and Performance Manager stated she would investigate this and clarify it for him after the meeting.

It was moved by Councillor Jen Wilson and seconded by Councillor Derek Adams to note the outturn targets and relevant indicators.

RESOLVED that the Committee notes the outturns against the Council's Ambition 2020-2024 targets and relevant service indicators.

(Information, Engagement and Performance Manager)

GRO49-20/21 DRAFT TOURISM STRATEGY - REVISED CONSULTATION DRAFT

N.B. The Information, Engagement and Performance Manager left the meeting at this point.

The Assistant Director of Development and Planning presented the Draft Tourism Strategy – Revised Consultation Draft report to Members. The purpose of the report was for Committee Members to review the draft Strategy and provide feedback as part of the consultation process for the draft Strategy prior to submission to Executive.

The Tourism & Town Centre Officer explained that the Strategy had already been presented to Growth Scrutiny Committee in July 2020, and amendments had been made to take into account comments made by Members.

The Tourism & Town Centre Officer presented the draft Strategy and outlined some

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of the key aspects.

Councillor Tom Munro referred to paragraph 2.5 of the Strategy (“The District also hosts events such as”) and stated he would like to see village well dressing events added to this. He also referred to paragraph 2.4 (“The District also hosts three large shopping centres”) and felt this list of shopping outlets needed to be checked bearing in mind the difficulties many shops had experienced during COVID.

Councillor Tom Munro referred to paragraph 6.3 (“It is important to acknowledge the strengths and assets of neighbouring areas”) and reported that Nottinghamshire County Council and the Welbeck Estate had undertaken work to link together Creswell Crags and the Harley Gallery. He added that it was important for the Council to work together with neighbouring authorities to achieve many of the targets included in the Strategy.

The Tourism & Town Centre Officer stated that he would include references to well dressing events and Creswell Crags links in the Strategy, and also investigate if any of the shops listed in 2.4 had gone under. He added that working with neighbouring authorities was at the heart of the Strategy.

Councillor Liz Smyth (Portfolio Holder - Economic Development) spoke about the Strategy and felt that the most important aspect this new draft version had added was identifying events and places near the District that would get people visiting the District to stay in the District.

Councillor Tom Kirkham believed that more could be included in the Strategy about Bolsover District’s green ambitions, particularly how the District could offer electronic vehicle charging points considering its close proximity to the M1.

The Assistant Director of Development and Planning stated that charging points would be a key ambition, and explained to Members that the Strategy was a living document that could have areas like charging added to it as they emerged.

Councillor Tricia Clough stated that she had received reports from residents of road stress fractures from lorries at Dale Lane in Rowthorne. She added that she would like to see more sites for motorhomes to be included in the Strategy.

The Assistant Director of Development and Planning stated that the Dale Lane issue was the responsibility of Derbyshire County Council, and Planning officers always tried to make provisions for motorhome sites, but it would be difficult to add more until the COVID restrictions ended.

Councillor David Dixon referred to the table in Appendix D which listed distances to various landmarks, and felt that the table did not make it clear enough that the numbers listed were minutes to reach rather than miles away. The Assistant Director of Development and Planning agreed that this table would be made clearer with different columns for time taken and miles in distance.

The recommendations in the report were moved by Councillor Tom Munro and seconded by Councillor Tricia Clough.

RESOLVED that the Committee has:

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(i) Reviewed the draft Strategy in accordance with their role as outlined at Part 2, Article 6.2(v) and Part 3.6 (14) of the Scrutiny functions within the Constitution.

(ii) Provided feedback as part of the consultation process for the draft Strategy prior to submission to Executive.

(Assistant Director of Development and Planning/Tourism & Town Centre Officer)

GRO50-20/21 WORK PROGRAMME 2020/2021

The Scrutiny and Elections Officer presented the Committee's Work Programme 2020/21.

The Scrutiny and Elections Officer reminded Members that the time and date of the next Growth Scrutiny Committee meeting had been changed to 1.00pm Monday 15th March 2021.

It was moved by Councillor David Dixon and seconded by Councillor Chris Kane to note the Work Programme.

RESOLVED that the Committee notes the Work Programme.

(Scrutiny and Elections Officer)

The meeting concluded at 1050 hours.