

Kingsbridge Town Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2017 AT 6.00 P.M. IN QUAY HOUSE

Present: Cllr Chris Povey (Chairman)
Cllr Anne Balkwill
Cllr David Baisie
Cllr Philip Cole
Cllr Samantha Dennis
Cllr Barrie Fishman
Cllr Mike Jennings

In attendance: Martin Johnson (Secretary)

17/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Dena Bex, Robin Griffin and Jim Romanos.

Public Open Forum

There were no members of public present.

17/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

17/13 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 25 July 2017 were approved as a correct record.

17/14 PRIORITIES & AMBITIONS FOR 2015-2019

Members received a listing of Priorities & Ambitions which was reviewed. It was **RECOMMENDED** to adopt a revised listing of Priorities & Ambitions for 2015-2019, and to progress various projects, at Annex A.

17/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 23 January 2018 at 6.00 p.m.

Annex:

A. Priorities/Ambitions for 2015-2019.

The meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.

Kingsbridge Town Council – Priorities & Ambitions for 2015-2019

Revised by the Policy Committee 24 October 2017

Project	Ambition or Priority (S, M or L)	Comments
Community Facilities		
Community Centre	Ambition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No current proposal following failed bid 2008 (Centre for Kingsbridge Community) • What's the current need? What's the brief? What would be the impacts on current venues? • Numerous meeting places in town which can accommodate up to 50 persons • Included in the Open Spaces, Sport & Recreation Plan (OSSR) project listing
Heritage		
Heritage Promotion NEW Oct 17	Medium term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members agreed that heritage sites/places of interest could be incorporated into better waymarking rather than introducing a standalone Heritage Trail
Open Spaces		
Way marking for pedestrians	Short term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superior signage needed to direct people to the town centre/Fore Street and its environs • Monolith style signs very popular around UK and many examples available; included in the OSSR project listing • Waymarking to include heritage sites (linked with Heritage Promotion above)
Open Space, Sport & Recreation Plan	Short term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft consultation with local sports groups/organisation and local residents completed • Listing of priority projects with estimated costs to be agreed
Use of KTC owned land off Derby Road NEW Oct 17	Short term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider alternative uses for the land if a housing development is not progressed
Town Square & Bandstand promotion NEW Oct 17	Short term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better promotion and greater use of the adjoining Town Square and Bandstand
Vibrant local economy		
Fore Street (& environs) improved street scene	Short term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit completed by Cllrs Edmonds & Griffin • Suggestions to date: bollards repair/replacement (west side), revised loading bay signage via Traffic Regulation Order FY 17/18, micro-seating/garden areas in lieu of parking spaces, litter

		bins replacement with better design, repainting of white triangles on courtesy crossings, better street name sign (currently at Scoops), redecoration/maintenance of shop fronts via a discounted costs scheme, cleaning & decoration of street lamps, introduction of water fountains, wi-fi, plastic free Kingsbridge, pop-up shops for empty premises, window dressing for empty premises... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Task Force' to form-up and produce a list of core objectives to improve Fore Street/increase footfall (1st meeting 9.00 a.m. Tuesday 7th November at MangeTout for a walkabout) and regular follow-up meetings
Youth facilities & engagement		
Greater engagement with young people	Short Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparatory works for new mural wall in Duncombe Park completed; request to be made to preferred local artist to use existing images for acrylic panels or similar • Possible use of 'silicon estuary' domain name as a youth engagement/IT work placement project
Transport		
Bus station improvements	Short term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHDC has agreed improved access/redesigned bus bay; update received October 2017 • Better information/signage required for bus services and shops/local services; determine ownership of current notice boards
Town minibus service NEW Oct 17	Short term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility study to investigate a KTC managed town minibus service to complement existing services
Communications		
Greater Town Council profile	Short term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Chamber to be spruced up to attract more hirings i.e. weddings & meetings • Working group to meet 6.00 p.m. Tuesday 31st October at Quay House

The following items were recommended for deletion:

- Community Facilities – Extension of decorative lights along the Quayside to the Memorial Shelter. Reason = completed.
- Heritage – Heritage Trail. Reason = incorporated into wider project of Heritage Promotion.
- Open Spaces – Busking Weekend. Reason = nil time resource to manage at present.
- Vibrant Local Economy – Great British High Street of the Year Awards. Reason = last awards 2016; not running in 2017.
- Communications – Councillor email addresses. Reason = vagaries of current website set-up make this too complex.