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Minutes of the Strategic and Economic Development Committee Meeting – 5th September 2022

1. To note Councillors present

Cllr Shaw opened the meeting at 7.00pm with 3 other Councillors present: Cllrs Burgis, Coombes, Hewlett.
Clerk: Esther Greig. SED22/020

2. To receive Apologies for absence with reasons

Cllr Rotchell – business

It was **resolved** to accept the apologies

Proposed: Cllr Coombes **Seconded: Cllr Shaw** **unan** **SED22/021**

3. To receive Declarations of Interest & Approve Dispensations

None

SED22/023

4. Public question time (15 minutes allowed for this)

None

SED22/024

5. The Minutes of 27 June 2022 were received

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of 27th June 2022

Proposed: Cllr Coombes **Seconded: Cllr Burgis** **3-0 (1abs)** **SED22/025**

6. To receive Clerk's report

Camel trail cycle route – costs are back for the 2 sections £2.5m Camelford to Delabole and £6.5m for Wenford bridge. Finger pointer signs have arrived but not installed yet. SED22/026

7. Agenda Items

a. OCM Café was discussed. Clerk noted Rightmove advert has finished; have had 5 interested but no takers at the moment. Clerk will purchase some equipment as per budget so that the space can be used for youth club and to fulfil other grant obligations. Clerk clarified that the café container was not bought with grant funds as the funders can't support commercial enterprises. However, activities that are set to be run from it are within the grant conditions. As long as they are fulfilled; there is no recourse. Clerk noted that funders must be aware of current economic circumstances facing all businesses and start-ups. To discuss again in 6 months. SED22/027

b. Riverside walk signage was discussed. Cllr Rotchell noted in the last FC meeting that a local artist has offered to facilitate the improvement of signage to the walk and making a more obvious entrance. Clerk noted that the marketing budget has about £1250 remaining. Murals on the walls were discussed and a design brief that focused on nature. **Action:** Cllr Rotchell to approach the artist stating that in principle CTC are interested and could they work up some options. Also, to talk with the owners of both properties adjacent to the path. Cllr Burgis noted that signage to the walk needs to be improved from the eastern approach – to be discussed after current signage assessed. Next agenda. SED22/028

c. Medical centre and bypass updates. Medical centre is waiting for NHS decision regarding the project. Bypass - not heard from Treasury or Cornwall Council. Clerk noted that Cllr Rotchell had a meeting with Scott Mann and a transport minister a fortnight ago to explain and sell the project! He did state that Camelford needs to know one way or another; so that it can get on - rather than being left in limbo. Clerk noted that she had spoken with a resident who has been unable to plan due to the uncertainty and is very frustrated – they may attend the next FC meeting. Clerk noted that she had passed on this information to Cllr Jordan; who is intending to write to Liz Truss. Supermarket was discussed. SED22/029

d. Levelling up and shared prosperity fund discussion. Cllr Hewlett noted that it was still unclear what exactly is offered. The presentation last week wasn't that useful except the deadline notification of 30th

November for this year's quota. A working group meeting was held following the cancellation of the cabinet member visit – items for clarification and projects were discussed. Clerk noted that there is another presentation this week being organised through the network panels – so the application process should become clearer. Year 1 it was decided to apply for revenue funding for a BID Manager and express interest to for applications in year 2/3 for capital projects identified in conjunction with the CIC - the Camel Trail extensions and a new community building. Also existing projects could be considered for 'quick wins' – such as market place lighting and seating. SED22/030

e. The budget 2023-24. Current action plan was reviewed. Some items have been completed already this year, outstanding – regeneration of brass rubbing plates; more robust positioning or mounting on a board? To work on assessing current green space provision and identify improvement and promotion: Signage for riverwalk and entrance underway, community orchard to be more accessible to get people down there – increase events and raise profile. Cost up extra storage at cemetery and look at having a clear out over winter – hire skip. Clerk to liaise with MGM. Clerk noted CIL monies of £5.4k that needs to be spent within 5 years of receipt – in EMR for phase 3 playarea. Camelford towers is on its last legs and need accessible roundabout and swing too. Clerk to cost up and consider grant funding options for this project – central CC CIL pot a possibility. SED22/031

Cllr Shaw noted that with the nights' drawing in, meetings could be held on Friday mornings - as all committee members available. Also schedule an extra meeting for further Shared prosperity funding/projects discussions/applications.

8. Items, time and date for next meeting.

EV chargers – Cllr Burgis

7th October 2022, 10am Town Hall

4th November 2022, 10am Town Hall