

Barnstaple Town Council

Planning and Transportation Committee

MINUTES of a PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE meeting held on THURSDAY 27TH APRIL 2017 at 7.00pm in the Main Hall, The Guildhall, Butchers Row, Barnstaple.

Committee Members Present :- Councillor S Upcott
Councillor F Vernon
Councillor Mrs J Hunt
Councillor C Haywood
Councillor I Williams
Councillor A Rennles (Chairman)

Also in Attendance :- W Austin (Town Clerk), Town Cllr Mrs V Elkins, Ms E Vernon (North Devon District Council)

120 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr I Roome.

121 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

Cllr Mrs J Hunt, as a District Councillor, has a dispensation under Standing Order 66 to participate and vote on any matter relating to the Town and District Councils, except where the matter is contractual/legal.

122 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 13th April 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
(4, 2abs)

123 CHANGE TO THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLVED: That item 7 on the agenda (North Devon District Council) be brought forward as the next item of business.
(NC)

124 NORTH DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ellen Vernon and Sally Nelson of North Devon District Council's Economic Development Team presented on a proposed Parking Strategy for Barnstaple. A copy of the presentation is shown at Appendix 1 to these minutes. It had also been agreed prior to the meeting that other aspects of the Economic Development remit could be discussed.

On Parking Strategy, councillors questioned as follows:

1. Whether all businesses would receive the questionnaire. Ms Nelson said they would and that 500 questionnaires would be distributed.
2. What the deadline was for return of the questionnaire. Ms Nelson said the deadline was two weeks.
3. Whether the views of blue badge holders would be sought. Ms Nelson said this formed part of the brief for the consultants.
4. How much of the District Council's £2m income was raised from penalty notices. Ms Vernon said she was unsure.
5. Why 'pay on exit' was not more widely used in the town. Ms Vernon said views

were sought on this in the questionnaire.

With the permission of the Chairman, the Town Clerk asked that the following be considered for the development of the strategy:

1. Measurement of the economic impact of any proposals for change.
2. Co-ordination of off-street and on-street parking provision.
3. The views of non-users of car parks.
4. The arrangements for management of car parks, and whether these should necessarily be in-house.
5. Benchmarking against appropriate comparator towns.
6. Input from parking experts/consultants other than those used previously by the District Council, to ensure that the review brought the widest possible range of views and ideas.

Cllr Williams asked whether any promotional work was being undertaken by the District Council to attract employees to the area. Ms Nelson and Ms Vernon said that this was part of their remit but that nothing specific was being carried out.

The Chairman thanked the District Council officers for their input.

125 DEPOSITED PLANS

125- 1 62577 Plot Ref :- Type :- Full
Applicant Name :- Fever Bars Date Received :-12/04/2017
Location :- 30 Queen Street Date Returned :-27/04/2017
Queen Street
Barnstaple
EX32 8HQ

Proposal : Create new public roof access stair and form a controlled smoking/bar area on the existing flat roof

Observations : ***Cllr Vernon left the meeting at this point***

RECOMMENDS: Refusal on the grounds of health and safety and fire issues. Further details are required on ensuring the safety of users in the event of fire, the potential for glassware being thrown onto the street below, the security of the bar area against unauthorised entry outside opening hours, and the security of the bar area against anti-social behaviour while it is open.
(5, 1abs)

125- 2 62853 Plot Ref :- Type :- Full
Applicant Name :- McBride Mr & Mrs Date Received :-12/04/2017
Location :- 7 Magnolia Close Date Returned :-27/04/2017
Barnstaple
Barnstaple
EX32 8QH

Proposal : First Floor Extension to Dwelling

Observations : RECOMMENDS: Approval, subject to neighbour comments.
(NC)

125- 3	62872	Plot Ref :-	Type :- Listed
	Applicant Name :-	Ms T Causer	Date Received :-18/04/2017
	Location :-	16	Date Returned :-27/04/2017
		Litchdon Street	
		Barnstaple	
		EX32 8ND	

Proposal : Listed building application for repairs to collapsed garden wall.
Observations : RECOMMENDS: Approval, subject to neighbour comments.
(NC)

126 REPORTED CONCERNS

No concerns falling within the remit of the committee were reported.

The Meeting closed at : 8.12pm

Signed : _____ Chairman Date: _____

On behalf of :- Barnstaple Town Council