

Southern Link

Notes of the meeting held on Thursday 21st March 2019.

Rundle Room, Tavistock Town Hall at 7pm

Present:

Town and Parish Council

Bere Ferres – Cllr Brian Lamb

Brentor – Cllr T Pearce

Buckland Monachorum – Cllr D Butland & Cllr S Woolacott

Burrator Grouped - not represented

Dartmoor Forest – not represented

Gulworthy - not represented

Horrabridge - not represented

Kelly - not represented

Lamerton - not represented

Lewdown Grouped – Cllr A Harrop

Lifton – Cllr CEdmonds

Lydford - not represented

Mary Tavy – Cllr G Hill

Milton Abbot Grouped – Cllr R Brewer

Plasterdown Grouped – Cllr S Hill & Cllr N Howes

Peter Tavy – Cllr B Lane & Cllr J Jeffery

Stowford - not represented

Sydenham Damerel - not represented

Tavistock – Cllr A Johnson & Cllr P Ward

WDBC – Dil Lord, Steve Mullineaux, Tom Jones

WDBC Members – Cllr P Sanders, Cllr B Lamb, Cllr C Edmonds

Chair – Tub Aves

Clerk – Bethany Aubertin

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Jess Evans (Tavistock South West), Cllr Boot-Handford (Bere Ferres), Cllr Moyse (Burrator), Cllr S Roche (Horrabridge), Jo Rumble (DNP).

2. Agreement of Notes of the Last meeting

The minutes of the September meeting were not distributed. However, a copy of the minutes are attached.

3. Matter Arising

Tub took a moment to thank Jane for her hard work during her time as the Link Administrator and to introduce Bethany who has taken on the role. Bethany will email Jane to thank her from the Southern Link.

4. Policing Issues –

Mark.SYMONS2@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

The Police were unable to send any representation to this meeting. Insp Sloman sent a written update (attached) based on the crime figures that were previously distributed.

Steve Mullineaux updated the meeting on points that Insp Sloman made at Eastern and Northern meetings –

Lack of funding for the mental health and support team is causing issues for the Police as they are having to step in when individuals could have been helped at the front line.

County lines appear to be passing through and not causing a problem in West Devon, associated crime has not increased as it usually would.

5. DCC Update

DCC were unable to send a representative to this meeting.

Simon Kitchen emailed shortly before the meeting to advise that he did not have any update on the CTF at this time. He was due to attend Council meetings where this would be discussed and will update us at the June meetings. Steve Mullineaux raised a point about funding left outstanding on applications that had been approved but the money not collected. This equates to over £30,000. WDBC are currently contacting those applicants that have not claimed their money and will then decide with Members on the best way to allocate/spend the remaining funds.

6. Communities Together Fund

Two applications were brought to the meeting (attached) –

Pilgrim Road bus shelter - for funding of £2600 to install a bus shelter at the top of Pilgrim Road. They also have funding of £50 from the Parish Council and £587 in volunteer labour. There were no concerns raised on this application and the meeting voted in favour to support. Ward members did not take part in this as they began Purdah on the 21st March.

Renovation and Upgrade facilities at Kelly Hall – for funding of £8000 towards their total project amount of £30,000. Cllr Edmonds discussed the need to renovate a valuable community building. Questions were asked about where the rest of the funding will be coming from – Cllr Edmonds advised that they have additional funding of £10,000 given to the Parish as an agreement following a solar panel installation. The Parish will also be applying for other grants and funding to make up the further £12,000. The meeting voted in favour to support. Ward members did not take part in this as they began Purdah on the 21st March.

A question was raised about the cut-off date for applications as there were applications that have been put forward that are possibly after this date. Steve Mullineaux was to raise this with Rob Sekula (WDBC) for confirmation. Rob Sekula advised the cut off was one month before the date of the March meeting for that Link area.

It was at this point that Cllr Lane advised the meeting of email correspondence he had been having with Devon County Council regarding lengthsman funding (attached).

7. DNP

Jo Rumble was unable to attend this meeting and sent her apologies. She sent a written update on their Local Plan (attached).

8. WDBC

Tom Jones – Tom Jones attended to discuss Planning.

Joint Local Plan – This needs to be approved by all three Councils. Inspectors have approved the plan. SHDC voted to adopt the plan on March 21st and WDBC and PCC will vote on the 26th March.

Neighbourhood Plan – Tom advised that Duncan Smith (WDBC) has been working closely with Southern Parishes to get their Neighbourhood Plans put together. Tom praised Bere Ferres on their plans, especially the policies – Bere Ferres Cllr's shared that these have already been used 2/3 times but planning officers when making decisions on applications, proving that having a Neighbourhood Plan works and is worth the hard work. Lifton and Milton Abbot are also working on their Neighbourhood Plans.

Budget – Steve Mullineaux advised CT was increased for WDBC at 2.99% which is the maximum it can go up by each year. WDBC have set a balanced budget for 19/20 having made savings of £675,000. However, they still need to save a further £500,000 for 20/21 and the same again for 21/22.

Waste – FCC have been awarded the contract for waste, we have managed to save £250,000 on this contract as FCC were also awarded the contract for SH.

Brexit is causing delays with everything.

A question was raised about the recent Hotel proposal in Tavistock, Cllr Sanders took this opportunity to clear up some incorrect information in that week's Tavistock Times relating to this proposal amongst other projects.

9. Parish Feedback and issues

Nothing was raised.

10. AOB

The Chairman spoke about how the agenda for these meetings is set and asked that if Parishes have any questions or items they wish to discuss, to please email them to Bethany – LinkAdmin@westdevon.gov.uk

Cllr Lamb advised that they have some funding remaining that is ear marked for training and asked that any Parishes with this requirement contact him, Bethany will also send an email for "bids" to all Parish clerks.

It was agreed what a read receipt would be included on future agenda emails to give Bethany a better idea of which emails are active.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Date and Venue for Future Meetings

Thursday 4th July 2019 7.00pm – Tavistock Town Hall, Rundle Room

Thursday 26th September 2019 7.00pm – Tavistock Town Hall, Rundle Room

Thursday 28th November 2019 7.00pm – Tavistock Town Hall, Rundle Room