

AGENDA ITEM 9b

NOTES of the Meeting of the **WHITCHURCH DOWN CONSULTATIVE GROUP** held on Tuesday 25th April, 2023 at 5:30pm at the Council Chamber, Drake Road, Tavistock

PRESENT

Councillors B Smith, Mrs U Mann

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER BODIES

Representative of Plasterdown Parish Council – Councillor R Phillips
Tavistock Golf Club (Secretary) – Mr C Kenworthy

IN ATTENDANCE

Carl Hearn Town Clerk, Wayne Southall General Manager, Lesley Reeves Community and Compliance Officer, Cllr P Squire – Ward Member

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr A Venning, Mr A Jarman (Tavistock Cricket Club), Mr R Taylor (Dartmoor National Park)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

3. NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING

- a. The Consultative Group received and noted the Notes of the Meeting of the Whitchurch Down Consultative Group held on 7th December, 2022.
- b. There were no matters arising

4. REPORTS/DISCUSSION TOPICS

The Town Council gave an update on: -

- a. **Potential development works at Middlemoor** –It was reported that no new unauthorised work had taken place on Council land in the area since the December meeting. It was also reported that an assessment is to be made on reinstatement works required.
- b. **Goose Fair Park and Ride** – As previously reported the Park and Ride site on Whitchurch Down had been a success in 2022 and would be utilised again in 2023. The General Manager reported that initial discussions had taken place with coach providers with a view to improve the service and bus frequency for the 2023 event.

- c. **Chollacott Lane Water Leak Investigation** – It was reported that in principle permission had been granted to undertake essential works, start date to be confirmed.
- d. **Pre-meeting written reports** – No reports were received.

5. REPORTS FROM STAKEHOLDERS

a. Whitchurch Commoners
Not present – none received

b. National Park Ranger
Not present – none received

c. Tavistock Cricket Club
Not present – none received

d. Tavistock Golf Club
It was reported that winter maintenance works to the course had been completed and included new pathways for ease of access.

It was also reported that the irrigation project and drone project previously discussed were on hold due to financial constraints but that all stakeholders would be consulted for approval if the projects were to move forward.

e. Plasterdown Grouped Parish Council
It was reported that Beating of the Bounds was planned for October 2023.

It was also reported that dog waste remained an issue and that more dog waste bins would be welcomed. As previously explained the collection schedule in place under the current contract with WDBC was not being adhered to and discussions with the provider were ongoing.

6. WHITCHURCH DOWN MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW

A discussion was held around the production of the Whitchurch Down Management Plan for the period of 2022-2027. It was explained that the Council would circulate the previous plan to stakeholders in the next few weeks for feedback to take forward. The first draft was expected to be available by the next Meeting.

7. URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD

It was reported that a request for a memorial bench to be sited at the 12th hole had been received. Stakeholders present raised no

objections, however it was noted that siting of new benches in the area went against the previous Whitchurch Down Management Plan.

8. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is on Tuesday 3rd October, 2023

The Meeting closed at 5:59pm

Signed:

Dated:
CHAIRMAN