

## **NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL**

### **REGENERATION COMMITTEE – EXTRAORDINARY MEETING**

Minutes of a meeting of **Regeneration Committee** held on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022** at Newent Town Council Office, rear of Newent Community Centre, Ross Road, Newent GL18 1BD

Present: Councillors Mrs R Wadley (Chairman), Mrs C Howley and Mrs M Duffield

Also present – The Clerk and 10 members of the public

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#### **Public Participation Session**

##### Speaker 1

A member of the public asked about the replacement of a baby swing, which was removed by the Estates Team.

The clerk commented that it was removed due to advise based on a Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) audit and that alternative equipment is being sourced, which will be presented to the Regeneration Committee on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August for consideration and decision.

##### Speaker 2

A member of the public spoke in favour of the community build project.

##### Speaker 3

A member of the public requested planning application information.

The clerk commented that all information can be found on the Forest of Dean Planning Portal website.

##### Speaker 4

A member of the public spoke in favour of the community build and suggested the historic name of 'pavilion' to identify the building.

##### Speaker 5

A member of the public commented about anti-social behaviour.

The member of the public was advised to contact the police on 101 and report all anti-social behaviour directly to the police.

#### **1. To note apologies for absence.**

Apologies were accepted from Councillors Mr R Beard and Mrs S Marcovecchio.

#### **2. Declarations of Interest on items on the agenda.**

There were no declarations of interest.

The clerk notified the committee that as a contractor has not been formally agreed by council nor a contract provided in time for the meeting, Item 3 on the agenda could not be considered at the Extraordinary Meeting.

A councillor commented that some members of the council had attended a VAT meeting and a paper trail will need to be in place. This could also mean reapplying for Planning Permission.

However, details are being clarified and it presents a way forward.

A councillor commented that it was frustrating, at the moment, and the 19<sup>th</sup> July planning deadline date may not be met.

The Chairman of the meeting commented that Item 3 will be deferred to a later meeting.

3. To decide on whether to instruct the contractor to undertake pre-construction ground works at the recreation ground.

This agenda item was deferred to a later meeting.

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 6.16pm**