

NEWENT TOWN COUNCIL

REGENERATION COMMITTEE – EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of **Regeneration Committee** held on **Thursday 14th 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

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 8th 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 19th 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