



Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning & Licensing Committee held in the Town Council Office, 13 Denmark Road, Cowes on Thursday, 2nd January, 2014 at 5.30p.m.

Present: Councillor Jones (Chairman)

Councillors Banks, Brown, Cowan and McNeill.

In attendance for MVAAP presentation only: Mr. J. Fletcher (Former I.W. Council Planning Officer)

Presentation: Medina Valley Area Action Plan (MVAAP)

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Boulter (Policy & Conservation Team Leader) to the meeting; he had attended to update members regarding the Area Action Plans.

The Chairman also introduced Mr. Fletcher, a former Planning Officer who he had invited to the meeting for his extensive knowledge. Members agreed that Mr. Fletcher be co-opted onto the committee for MVAAP items only.

Mr. Boulter stated that the controlling group at the I.W. Council had confirmed the development of the AAP's should continue at pace. He was in the process of preparing an 'informed discussion document' for circulation prior to the formal consultation of AAP's; this document should be available by Easter. Mr. Boulter acknowledged that the original published timetable for delivery of the AAP's had slipped; an updated and more meaningful timetable would be published shortly. Finally, he reported that his team would be reviewing strategy SP2 the Housing Policies for the Plans.

Various questions were then asked as follows:

Q. The responses to the Town Council survey had been poor; there had only been just over 200 returns (approximately 5%) so are they of any real value?

A. The responses plus any further evidence to support the responses could be sufficient.

Q. Should the Town Council consider undertaking a Housing Needs Survey?

A. His team would be undertaking a Strategic Market Housing Assessment as part of the SP2 Housing Review; he could not see the need for a separate Housing Needs Survey. However, he could supply a template for a questionnaire should the Town Council opt to proceed with a survey.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk obtain a copy of the Housing Needs Survey template for further consideration.

Q. Could you advise on S106 income; how much income was there and if it had been spent, how had it been spent?

A. This question was outside his remit; it would have to be addressed to Wendy Perera.

It was agreed the Town Clerk submits these questions to Wendy Perera.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Boulter for attending and for his input.

Mr. Boulter and Mr. Fletcher left the meeting.

715 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Robinson and Wardrop.

716 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th December, 2013 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

717 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this stage.

718 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor Jones submitted details of the planning applications received and following the Committees consideration of each application it was:

RESOLVED

1). That the Town Council supports the following applications:

P/01531/13 Demolition of garage and sunroom; proposed alterations and extension at first floor level to convert existing bungalow into a house; new double garage; associated hard landscaping, 112 Baring Road

P/01533/13 Retention of detached garage, 26 Place Road

P/01568/13 Removal of decking and steps; replacement raised decking with steps and handrail and store under; balcony at first floor level on rear elevation, Dagmar House, 15 Birmingham Road

P/01496/13 Replace & extend existing balustrade and decking, Flat 25, 1 The Parade

2). That the planning decisions as reported, be noted.

719 LICENSING

Members considered an application to vary a Premises Licence at Cowes Yacht Haven.

RESOLVED

That the Town Council has no objection to the application to vary the Premises Licence at Cowes Yacht Haven.

(The proceedings terminated at 6.26p.m.)

CHAIRMAN