

EYE TOWN COUNCIL –COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD

Name of Sub-committee	Committee
Date and time of meeting	1.4.2015
Councillors present	Maria Ford, Peter Gould, Maria Ford, Simon Hooton, Andrew Evitt, Cllr N Ford, Caroline Byles
Others present (continue overleaf if necessary)	Roz Barnett
<p>Discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No apologies 2. Cllr Gould and Cllr Hooton reported on the positive meeting with Mid-Suffolk. After the elections discussions will take place with the local District Councillor to look at the idea of developing an Eye partnership. Cllr Gould reported that the next area of investigation will be the housing development. The clerk added that Mid Suffolk said that they would help answer some of the questions from residents/councillors about how can Eye influence planning and development. 3. Clerk to ask Cllr Byles on progress on discussions with David Burn on inter-parish meeting. Clerk to discuss liaison with neighbouring clerks. 4. Nick Ward at Mid Suffolk has taken over the lead for the Eye Airfield. Mid- Suffolk have been urged to create a clear narrative about the background for the development of number of houses. Pegasus would like to submit an outline planning application in September however realistically Mid Suffolk think November is more likely. Cllr Gould proposed a further meeting with Pegasus and Mid-Suffolk to agree a process for further dialogue. It was agreed that the Council need a clearer view of residents' views. It was agreed that the following was required:- 5. May- Magazine Forward warning residents of consultation. 6. Website information pages & survey monkey questionnaire. 7. Information leaflet and hard copies of survey monkey questionnaire. 8. Display of development 9. Consultation events. 10. Mid July meet with Pegasus Simon agreed to do project plan and allocate work to ensure we keep to timescale. 11. Cllr Ford asked about the election risks for the day to day business of the Council. The clerk was concerned that recent resignations might weaken the planning and environment Committee. It was agreed that new councillors should be invited at 6.00 pm on the 20th of May to sign declarations and receive information about how the Council works. Other Councillors will be invited to join at 6.30 pm for refreshments and to share information about committees. 12. General Power of Competence will be considered by the council after the elections. 13. Peter reported that a Housing need survey has be completed by Mid-Suffolk District looking at a larger area than Eye that could be helpful in housing development discussions. There is a 6 months waiting list for a housing needs survey Community Action Suffolk for a local survey. Cllr Ford emphasised that any survey has to accurately reflect local needs. 14. A discussion was had about editorial comment on Council articles by the local press and information outlets. It was agreed that the clerk that the clerk needed to be clearer about whether editorial comment is appropriate or not. 15. Dates for meetings 1st Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm however the next meeting will 13th of May at the Town Hall. 16. Clerk authorised to negotiate with insurance brokers for the best price. 17. Maria to have a conversation with Councillors about standing as deputy mayor. 18. Clerk to liaise with Mayor about Town Meeting Civic Awards. 19. Environment Committee will discuss Sue's Hours at the next meeting. Potentially the 	

environment committee could be recommending a 2 hour a week increase during the summer. Finance and Governance had no objection to this. Environment Committee will also discuss formalising the handy man arrangement

20. It was proposed to extend the clerks hours to 30 hours a week to allow for the RFO role.

Summary of recommendation agreed to take to full Council:

- To consider Insurance premium
- To consider extending the clerks hours to 30 hours a week to allow for RFO role

Meeting Closed: hrs | Signed:

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