

A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT BOARD

WAS HELD ON 8 JANUARY 2007

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Cully)(ex-officio)(P); Councillors Ms Ballard (P), Carr (P), Champion, Clinton, Dickson (P), Edgar (P), Kimber (P), Smith (P), Wright (P) and Mrs Wright (P)

In accordance with Standing Orders, it was reported that notice had been received that Councillors Allen and Carter would replace Councillors Champion and Clinton for this meeting.

27. APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were received on behalf of Councillors Champion and Clinton.

28. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor Wright be appointed Chairman of the Board.

29. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs Wright be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Board.

30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Edgar and Wright each declared a non-prejudicial interest in that any decision they made in respect of Agenda No. 8 – 'High Street Improvements' would not affect any decision made as a Hampshire County Councillor.

31. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Board meeting held on 30 October 2006 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

32. DEPUTATIONS

It was reported that no deputations had been received.

33. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No questions had been received from the public.

PART II

34. HIGH STREET IMPROVEMENTS

The Board received a report of the Head of Conservation and Design (a copy of which is affixed in the Minute Book as Appendix A), which provided Members with an update of the Town Centre improvements that had been completed during the first phase of works in Gosport High Street, in addition to further subsequent works that had been implemented.

It was reported that £79,841 remained from the original budget and the Town Centre Study Members Panel had recommended that refurbishment of the alleyways be undertaken from the remaining budget. The estimated cost of improvements to the alleyways, i.e. Hobbs Passage, Vigars Yard, Carters Yard and India Arms Yard, was in the region of £71,708.

Hobbs Passage required the most work and a sketch plan and photomontage were included with the report.

In answer to a question, Members were informed that should the Board approve the remaining budget to be used for work on the alleyways, the owners and landlords of the various properties abutting the alleyways would be invited to the Town Hall, in due course, to receive a presentation on the proposals for the refurbishment programme. This event would be hosted by the Mayor.

The Town Centre Study Members Panel also requested the Board to consider a phased delivery of the 'Islands of Enrichment' over the next three years, subject to budget approval. The cost of implementation for development of the three 'Islands of Enrichment' – Heritage, Maritime and Discovery – including fees, preliminaries and provisional costs, had been estimated at £248,040.

The Board's approval was sought to use the remaining budget to implement improvements to the alleyways in the Town Centre and, in addition, agreement was requested to the phasing of work on the 'Islands of Enrichment'.

RESOLVED: That

- (a) the progress made with the improvements to the Gosport Town Centre be noted;
- (b) the completion of the alleyway improvements, within the remaining budget, be approved; and
- (c) the phasing of the 'Islands of Enrichment' over the next three years and the inclusion within the draft capital programme of the required funding, totalling £248,000, be approved.

The meeting commenced at 6.00pm and concluded at 6.10pm

CHAIRMAN