The next meeting of Frome Town Council's

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Wednesday 25 June 2014, 7pm

Saxonvale Centre, Garsdale, Frome. BA11 1RZ

Members of the External Affairs Committee are:

Dave Anderson; Eve Berry; Graham Burgess; Adrian Dobinson; Toby Eliot; Tricia Golinski;
Damon Hooton; Mel Usher; Nick White

Cara Honey (Mayor for Young People); Alex Shingler (Deputy Mayor for Young People)

AGENDA

- 1. Questions, comments and information from the public
- 2. Short talk from Steve Macarthur, Cheese & Grain Director
- 3. Election of Chair and Deputy Chair
- 4. Apologies for absence, declaration of members' interests and minutes from the last meeting on 30 April 2014
- 5. An update on what the Council is working on at the moment
- 6. A proposal to establish an Apprenticeship Hub
- 7. To consider establishing a budget for litter/dog bins
- 8. To agree to award the first round of Community grants
- 9. Updates from the Community Projects Officers and the Energy & Recycling Officer
- 10. The next meeting will be at 7pm on 3 September, Saxonvale Centre

Yours sincerely

Paul Wynne, Town Clerk

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Frome Town Council, 5 Palmer Street, Frome, BA11 1DS

18 June 2014

- 1 Questions, comments and information from the public
- 2 Short talk from Steve Macarthur, Cheese & Grain Director (report attached at Appendix 1)
- 3 Election of the External Affairs Committee Chair and Deputy Chair
- 4 a. Any apologies for absence?
 - b. Cllrs to declare any interests on the agenda
 - c. To consider and approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 30 April 2014

5 An update on what the Council is working on at the moment

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION	MINUTE NO.	CMTEE	MEETING DATE	RESPONSIBILITY	PROGRESS REPORT	Target Date
Renewable energy	2013/33	EAC	15/05/2013	Anna Francis	On agenda	25/06/2014
Walking and Cycling Working Group	2013/52	EAC	26/06/2013	Ruth Knagg	On agenda	25/06/2014
Heart of Wessex Local Action Group	2013/54	EAC	26/06/2013	Peter Wheelhouse	The Heart of Wessex Local Action Group (LAG) have now submitted a map showing the proposed LAG boundaries to DEFRA. The map incorporates not only Frome but surrounding parishes reflecting Frome's role as a hub town. Final confirmation of the LAG boundary will follow in September. On 5 June, a meeting was held with a number of parish councils to make them aware of the LAG and the benefits it will bring to the area in terms of funding for economic development from 2015. Further local consultation will follow. For further details on the LAG please click on http://www.heartofwessex.co.uk/	
Open Spaces	2014/7	EAC	26/02/2014	Ruth Knagg	On agenda	25/06/2014
Garston Road play area	2913/73	EAC	04/09/2013	Ruth Knagg/Paul Wynne	No progress since last meeting. In discussions with Bloor Homes over restrictions created by underground water tank. Ruth is contacting local residents accordingly.	
Palmer Street resurfacing	2013/74	EAC	04/09/2013	Peter Wheelhouse	There is good news in that County are now planning to complete the work by October subject to confirmation of funding.	22/10/2014
Frome Leisure Centre	2014/11	EAC	26/02/2014	Paul Wynne	MDC held a public meeting in March. They plan to let all MDC leisure centres to the private sector on a long lease. No reply has been received to FTC's letter.	
Riverside Project (Henley Way/Welshmill Lane)	2013/98	EAC	18/12/2013	Ruth Knagg	On agenda	25/06/2014
Community Grants	2014/7	EAC	26/02/2014	Ruth Knagg	On agenda	25/06/2014
Update on apprenticeships	2014/8	EAC	26/02/2014	Peter Wheelhouse	On agenda	25/06/2014
Foundry Barton and Henley Way	2014/12	EAC	26/02/2014	Paul Wynne	Acquisition proceeding. Awaiting action from MDC.	25/06/2014
Review of Community Toilet Scheme	2014/25	EAC	30/04/2014	Patrick Moss	The application form is being finalised and businesses will be contacted in the next week	03/09/2014
The Showfield	2014/22	EAC	30/04/2014	Paul Wynne	The Agricultural Society have been asked if they would like to sell it.	
WW1 commemoration				Laura Poulton	Work has started at the Memorial Theatre to re design the Memorial Garden, the soldier is being relocated this week to be ready for the dedication service on 3 August.	03/08/2014
Somerset Levels Relief Fund		EAC		Paul Wynne	The fund aims to raise between £2-3 million by the end of 2014 for the long term management of the Levels. Cllrs can decide on how and where their donation is spent in helping the relief effort after the recent flooding.	
Parking Strategy		EAC	<u> </u>	Patrick Moss		
Review of Greenstrand support	2014/24	EAC	30/04/2014	Paul Wynne		03/09/2014



6 For Decision – Proposed Apprenticeship Programme

Author: Economic Development & Regeneration Manager

Summary

This report recommends that Frome Town Council enters into an agreement with Frome College to enable the delivery of a Frome Apprenticeship Programme under the umbrella of the Next Step Hub. The purpose of the programme will be to coordinate and facilitate the growth of apprenticeships in Frome and surrounding parishes. The Town Council's contribution to this will be £30,000 from the Youth & FE EMR that will enable a part-time coordinator and full-time administrator to be employed on an initial 2 year contract. The administrator will be an apprentice. Frome College will be the employer and will provide accommodation and other support services.

Background

This proposal follows an earlier report to the External Affairs Committee on 26 February at which Councillors agreed to support the principle of the establishment of an apprenticeship hub in Frome with Councillor Toby Eliot acting as 'Project Sponsor'. The Economic Development & Regeneration Manager was also authorised to enter into negotiations with prospective partners in the apprenticeship hub initiative.

The initiative follows logically from the Council's agreed Action Plan which commits the Council to working with local businesses and training providers to meet skill needs in the town. An Earmarked Reserve of £55,000 has been set up specifically to support Youth and Further Education. Earlier research commissioned by the Council had highlighted a growing enthusiasm amongst young people to become apprentices but they lack local opportunities. For employers that participated in the survey, many are held back by a lack of knowledge regarding how to get involved.

This programme will also help to address the fact that Frome has the highest number of 16 to 18 year olds in Somerset that are not in education, employment or training (NEET) – currently 80.

The proposal

The proposal is to deliver an employer focused programme to coordinate and facilitate the growth of apprenticeships in Frome and the surrounding rural parishes. The programme will be a partnership initiative between Frome College and Frome Town Council and will form part of a wider Frome Next Step Hub which is intended to bridge the gap between education and employment.

The aims of the programme will be:

- To grow the number of apprentice vacancies and the number of employers taking on apprentices in Frome and surrounding rural parishes
- To provide a Frome based point of contact and information for employers that enables the recruitment of apprentices from a local pool and the coordination of training provision that meets employers' needs
- To identify gaps in apprenticeship training provision that can be filled locally

Programme coordination will be the responsibility of a part-time coordinator employed by Frome College initially on a 2 year contract starting in September 2014. The contractor will be based within the College's Next Step Hub but will ultimately be accountable to the Programme Steering Group comprising representatives from Frome College and Frome Town Council. They will be supported by a full-time administrator who will be recruited as an apprentice.

The responsibilities of the coordinator will be:

- To make contact with target employers, provide impartial advice on apprenticeships and help them to overcome barriers to recruiting and employing apprentices
- To provide a central point in Frome for apprenticeship advice and information
- To liaise with local training providers to understand their capacity and services offered
- To match and signpost businesses to the right training provider and track & quantify leads into apprenticeships
- To identify gaps in apprentice training provision and feedback to the Programme Steering Group
- To track and evaluate apprenticeship data in Frome
- To provide recruitment support for learners and business
- To advertise vacancies locally
- To identify apprentices and employers that can act as ambassadors and help to grow the number of local apprentice vacancies

This programme would support many sectors of the local economy and help the Council to meet a number of objectives within its Action Plan including:

- Helping the local economy to become resilient, self-reliant and sustainable
- Assisting the unemployed, under-employed and school leavers
- Supporting the green retrofit and renewable energy sectors

Early indications suggest that this is precisely the kind of programme that would be supported by the Heart of Wessex Local Action Group and therefore, the Council's involvement can be considered to an initial one off investment.

Recommendations

- That Councillors support entering into an agreement with Frome College that will enable the establishment of a Frome Apprenticeship Programme. The main terms of that agreement would be:
 - A contribution of £30,000 by the Town Council from the Youth & FE EMR,
 50% at the start of the programme and the balance at the beginning of
 Year 2 subject to satisfactory progress being demonstrated
 - Frome College's recruitment and employment of a part-time coordinator and full-time administrator (employed as an apprentice) both on an initial 2 year contract
 - c. Frome College's provision of accommodation and other support services to the programme

d. The establishment of a Programme Steering Group comprising Cllr Eliot (as project sponsor) and the EDRM representing the Town Council, and Frome College to oversee the delivery of the programme

7 For Decision - Allocating £3300 from the General Reserve to install one litter/dog bin in each ward

Author: Town Clerk

Summary

Cllr Helen Sprawson-White has asked me to propose that FTC ward Cllrs carry out public consultation to identify where additional litter bins are needed, that FTC allocates a budget, liaises with relevant land owners, supplies, installs and maintains litter bins in places that reflect community demand.

Background

Litter and especially dog mess, is a constant problem and various ways have been and are used to encourage people to be considerate and pick it up. For example, in addition to FTC, there are other organisations as well as traders in the town who support the "Keep Frome Clean" campaign led by Dog Mess Free Frome, which has waned a little of late. FTC has also just agreed to implement Dog Control Orders on its own land (but has no power to do this elsewhere) that will mean that people who do not clear up after their dogs will be committing an offence.

Making it easy for dog owners to clear up after their dog is one way of supporting the Keep Frome Clean campaign and providing appropriately sited bins can contribute to this.

FTC has historically allocated a budget for supplying litter bins. MDC empties the bins and has confirmed to Helen that they would to be willing to empty additional ones. MDC officers have advised Helen that there are no funds available at this time for them to install new litter bins themselves. As a result Helen is proposing that FTC makes funds from the General Reserve available for this purpose.

Discussion

Helen proposes that town ward Cllrs consult within their own wards. If Council did not feel able to burden the FTC website or Facebook page with requests, Helen is willing to take these via her Facebook page.

Following consultation, we would know the level of demand from the community. It is reasonable to assume that without any limits demand will outstrip FTC's ability to supply bins. I strongly recommend that, if ClIrs are keen to proceed with this proposal, that an upper limit on the number of bins to be funded is agreed prior to any community consultation and that everyone is aware of the limit. I suggest that a reasonable figure is one bin per ward at a capital cost of £3,300.

Once we have an agreed an upper limit and Cllrs have decided which of the proposed bins to install, staff would need to liaise with the land owner (usually the highways

authority) to find out whether the bins are permitted to be sited where people want them. We would then confirm that MDC will empty and incorporate it into their contract, and install the bins. Once the bins are installed they will need to be insured and maintained and replaced as necessary.

I suggest it is reasonable, if we are talking about six new bins over the whole town, to expect staff to incorporate this in to the workload.

Given the recent discussions at IAC about MDC Cllr's environment legacy grant fund which allocates £2,000 per Cllr to spend on improvements to their ward, it might be a good opportunity for MDC Cllrs in Frome wards to pool some of their grant fund and create a budget for supplying and installing bins in their wards. Helen has suggested that while at this time she is not willing to allocate her fund to this project, as there may be voluntary organisations that require the funding, when it comes to the deadline if she has any grant left she will consider it.

Helen has said that she did suggest allocating a budget for new litter bins at the Planning Committee in advance of the budget agreement in January but this did not figure in the proposed budget.

Lastly, Helen has identified that as part of the new planning for new developments, placing sufficient well sited bins is not considered and it seems reasonable that FTC responds via the consultation process that MDC encourages potential developers to do this.

Recommendations

- Acknowledge there is an issue with littering and dog fouling across the town
- 2. Propose to Council on 23 July to transfer £3,300 from the General Reserve to a bin budget
- 3. Cllrs to undertake a community engagement exercise to identify where there is a lack of bins coupled with littering and identify one new bin location for each ward. This decision might need to come back to EAC for approval where demand exceeds supply, for example
- 4. Suggest to MDC and potential developers that when major planning applications are considered by the planning authority, that developers are encouraged to provide adequate litter bin provision
- 5. Continue to work with other interested groups, residents and traders in the town to actively promote keeping Frome tidy through various campaign projects including art work to be displayed across the town

8 For Decision – Award of Community Grants

Author: Community Projects Officer

Summary

The Grants Advisory Board has met to consider grants applications for the first time this financial year. The Board's recommendations are at Appendix 2 and it is recommended that ClIrs agree these.

Background/discussion

The total sum of grants available this year is £80,000. Of this, £30,000 is available for project grants, to be allocated over three grant rounds taking place in June 2014, August 2014 and February 2015. Following the first meeting of the Grants Advisory Group, a total of £4,915.41 is recommended to be allocated to community projects in the first round. This leaves £25,084.59 for the subsequent two rounds.

£10,000 of the grants funding is to be distributed via the Frome Youth Bank. This new initiative will support young people led project ideas that allow young people to develop positive activities for others, meet and work with older people in the community, or have their voice heard in decisions that affect them. Following the first meeting of the Frome Youth Bank committee, a total of £1,300 is recommended for funding, leaving £8,700 for future funding rounds.

New funds have also been created this year for Partnership grants (£35,000) aimed at groups that know their strategy for the year ahead and can demonstrate the impact of their work, and £5,000 to develop partnership development. The deadline for applications is 25 July 2014.

Recommendation

Agree the recommendations of the Grants Advisory Board at Appendix 2.

9 For Information - Updates from the Community Projects Officers and Energy and Recycling Officer

Author: Community Projects Officer, Tessa Hibbert

Project	Update to June 2014	To be completed by
Youth Activities	We have advertised the contract and had	Complete
Tender	four strong responses. We are currently	
	selecting provider(s). By end of June a	
	provider will have been selected and a	
	contract agreed. Activity is due to start in	
	July and will run until end March 2015.	
Co-ordination of	We held the first meeting of the Frome	Complete
Youth Provision	Youth Providers' Network. 20	
across the town	organisations were present representing a	
	wide range of youth work organisations in	
	the town. Meeting regularly will allow us	
	to ensure that young people from across	
	the town have equal access to	
	opportunities and that quality of provision	
	is maintained.	
Youth	A project specification has been written	Complete
Participation	and agreed with YPF, who continue to	
	provide high quality support to the Youth	

	Council and Mayor/s for Young People	
	and aim to extend their reach and impact.	
Mayor for Young	The CPO has provided support to ensure	On going
People/Deputy	post holders are able to conduct their	
	roles effectively.	
Youth Bank	First meeting held successfully and Youth	In progress
	Council received training on fairness and	
	confidentiality in grant-making. Grants	
	awarded worth £1,300. Next meeting is	
	end of July and the Youth Council will be	
	promoting the grant fund as widely as	
	possible before then.	

Author: Community Projects Officer, Ruth Knagg

Open Spaces Projects	Update to June 2014	To be completed by
Victoria Park remodelling	Public consultation undertaken	
-	MUGA plans in progress by NVB architect	September 2014
	Drainage necessary for the MUGA	Concurrent with MUGA
	New pathway to the MUGA	October 2014
	Replacement tennis courts application submitted to Sport England	Part of a later phase of the masterplan
Rodden Meadow	Maintenance according to new plan in place	July 20 2014
	Picnic	August 2014
	Costing up new pathway that will require change to masterplan and new signage	September 2014
	Scything workshop	September 2014
	Games (Frolympics?)	
Dippy	Commissioned NVB to produce phased plan, taking into account suggestions of the volunteer management group alongside the consultation findings.	August 2014
	Lease still not transferred but permission to work to be granted by Mendip so that insurance is valid.	June 2014
Henley Way to	Planning permission granted subject to	July 2014

Welshmill	Network Rail conditions	
	Project managers: Mike Bull & Bob Sargent	July 2014
	Drawings re-worked for Network Rail	July 2014
	Licence agreement from Network Rail still to be finalised	June 2014
	Deed of Variation is with Rossetti House for signature to release s106 money	August 2014 for completion Sept 2014
	Contract with Mendip to be signed to release NHB funding	
	Path construction	
Missing Link	Awaiting transfer of land from Mendip	
	for path alongside Rossetti House plus	
	transfer from Renaissance so that path	
	construction by Sustrans for that section	
	can commence	
Walking & cycling routes	Seeking extra project management	June 2014 for
	support to deliver the identified tasks	completion Sept 2014
Whatcombe Fields	Save Open Spaces approached the landowner via Cooper & Tanner to ask	Dec 2014
	for 6 month window to raise finance to	
	buy the bigger lot that is up for auction.	
	This has been agreed. They are planning	
	to set up a Community Share scheme	
	and seek FTC support to join, temporarily	
	or otherwise.	

Author: Energy and Recycling Officer, Anna Francis

Projects	Update to June 2014	To be completed by
Transport Car Club: conducting feasibility study into setting up new car club in Frome. 63 people responded to recent car club survey		Launch planned for 14 September 2014
	Cycling: Applied for funding for Dr Bike sessions and cycle confidence classes	Launch planned for 14 September 2014
Waste	Wood recycling: linked with Edventure to explore possibility of setting up wood	Submitting Local Legacy funding

	recycling enterprise	application on the 1
	·	August 2014
	Protomax: linked up Somerset Waste Partnership with Protomax plastic recyclers. Exploring other opportunities.	Open day is 25 June
Energy	Fair: organising green energy fair/Frome Green Sunday on 14 September, applied for additional funding	14 September 2014
	Training: developing training programme and applying for funding for energy saving refurbishment	Launch planned for September / October 2014
	Schools: developing carbon cutting programme for local schools	Local Legacy funding application 1 August.
	Solar: exploring a range of options for installing solar panels on large roofs with FRECo – this includes Frome Football Club and Health Centre	Share issue at Green Sunday on 14 September
	Converging World Report: finalising comments and final report	Final report will be circulated by 18 July

The next meeting will be at 7pm on 3 September, Saxonvale Centre

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4 c. To consider and approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 30 April 2014

Draft Minutes of a meeting of the External Affairs Committee

Wednesday 30 April at 7pm Saxonvale Centre, Garsdale, Frome. BA11 1RZ

Present:

Councillors: Dave Anderson; Eve Berry; Graham Burgess; Adrian Dobinson; Tricia Golinski; Peter

Macfadyen; Nick White

Alex Shingler (Deputy Mayor for Young People)

In attendance:

Cllr Dickon Moore, Karen Deverell (Mendip YMCA), Caroline Wood (Frome Standard), Paul Wynne (Town Clerk), Peter Wheelhouse (Economic Development & Regeneration Manager), Anna Francis (Energy and Recycling Officer), Ruth Knagg (Community Projects Officer), Tessa Hibbert (Community Projects Officer), Laura Poulton (Administration Officer)

2 members of the public

Minute Ref	Agenda Item	Action
2014/15/EAC	1 QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND INFORMATION FROM THE PUBLIC Rachel Bodle noted that the Transition Free Press was now available and to contact her at rachel.bodle@gmail.com . Charles Wood noted that the allegation of the \$100 agreement for	
	Charles Wood noted that the allocation of the s106 agreement for the Showfield should not be held up by MDC despite the ongoing issue with the transfer of the site.	
2014/16/EAC	2 SHORT TALK FROM KAREN DEVERELL, MENDIP YMCA Karen Deverell is the Chief Executive Officer of Mendip YMCA. The organisation has supported Mendip since 1991 and is an autonomous organisation. Karen explained that Mendip YMCA has varying ways of providing support mostly to young people between the ages of 16-25 which include; working with a family mediation worker, emergency host family accommodation, resettlement support, homeless awareness in schools, deposit scheme, move on scheme, private rented sector work and a tenancy support worker. Karen explained that Mendip YMCA runs the Frome Foyer which consists of twelve apartments and two emergency units. In addition they have sixteen flats in Frome and can provide fifty two bedrooms across Mendip. They also run Routes Café which is place for young people to hang out and access information, advice and guidance. Karen noted that the funding for the café would come to an end in 2015.	

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	The Mendip YMCA has a lease with the Frome Youth and Community Centre which Karen explained had been successful. She noted that they were in the process of assessing whether the centre could be viable into the future. The Economic Development & Regeneration Manager asked Karen what the housing enquiry trend was and whether there was a need for more accommodation to respond to demand. Karen explained that affordability was becoming more of an issue and Mendip YMCA had helped people furnish flats, access food packs etc. She noted that housing benefit was relatively low in Mendip making it harder for young people to rent and there was a need to persuade social landlords i.e. Aster Homes to take on young people to allow accommodation to be freed up.	
	Cllr Burgess asked if Mendip YMCA refer young people to private landlords. Karen explained that they work with eighty private landlords which had worked well partly due to the YMCA's deposit guarantee scheme.	
	The Town Clerk asked what lessons had the YMCA learnt after taking on the community centre. Karen noted that it had been really exciting; they currently had eighteen different organisations working there. However it was difficult to maintain and the building needed repairs. She noted that they would like to be able to safeguard it for the future, increase the need and are in discussion with the owner, SCC, to find a way of keeping it a community resource.	
2014/17/EAC	3 a. APOLOGIES The Chair formally opened the Council meeting at 7.35pm and apologies of absence were received from Cllrs Hooton and Usher.	
2014/18/EAC	3 b. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS None was received.	
2014/19/EAC	3 c. MINUTES The minutes of the External Affairs Committee meeting held on 26 February 2014 were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.	
2014/20/EAC	4 AN UPDATE ON WHAT THE COUNCIL IS WORKING ON AT THE MOMENT Cllr Dobinson arrived at 7.45pm	
	Cllr Macfadyen enquired about the WW1 event in August. The	

Administration Officer explained that she and a group had been working to relocate the statue produced by J W Singer from its current location at Tyco on the Marston Trading Estate to the Memorial Theatre to make it the focus of remembrance. The group were planning to hold an event on 3 August, the day before the official outbreak of WW1, to unveil the soldier in his new home outside the Memorial Theatre and to mark the centenary of WW1.

Cllr Golinski enquired about the status of the Carley Development Trusts' application to the DCLG. The Economic Development & Regeneration Manager explained that it had been refused as DCLG felt a Community Right to Build order was unsuitable for a development as big as Saxonvale. He noted that a Neighbourhood Development Order may be more appropriate and FTC would be meeting with them to discuss the next steps. DCLG had also received objections to the Carley application from neighbouring landowners.

The EDRM noted that Allan Bennett had been appointed as the Planning and Regeneration Apprentice and would begin work on 19 May. He would be completing a course in the Built Environment at the University of the West of England.

2014/21/EAC

5 FOR DECISION – UPDATE FROM THE ENERGY & RECYCLING OFFICER

Anna Francis, Energy & Recycling Officer, introduced her areas of focus in her new role.

The first was energy – how to reduce demand, cost and emissions. She noted she would aim to do this through large scale solar panels, links with creamery for bio diversity, tree stations, link with Fair Frome to reduce energy poverty, start insulation campaigns, link with Edventure to communicate with the community, street wide approaches to solar and insulation and working within schools.

The second was transport – reduce fossil fuel use. Anna's aim was to reduce private car use, investigate setting up an electric car club, car share schemes, encourage cycling and set up cycle confidence classes. She noted that she was planning a Green Energy fair on 14 September.

The third was waste – reduce arising's and increase diversion. Anna noted that a town that had introduced bins that were made to look like cows had increased recycling by 60%. Her other ideas were; reuse centres, clothes swaps, real nappies, reducing food waste, setting up a street bank (sharing tools) and linking with a new

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	company to Frome, Protomax, who recycle any plastic into a new product.	
	The recommendation was to approve the planned work for the year ahead.	
	Proposed Cllr Burgess, seconded Cllr Berry, agreed unanimously.	
2014/22/EAC	6 FOR DECISION - UPDATE ON COMMUNITY AND OPEN SPACE PROJECTS INCLUDING THE COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME The Dippy	
	The Community Projects Officer noted that a meeting was being arranged to set up a volunteer committee to work with Outside Services team. Currently the Grounds and Properties Manager needed to obtain a right to work from MDC to allow the Outside Services team to work within the Dippy. Cllr Macfadyen asked that the Town Clerk write to MDC again to urge them to speed up the transfer of the land to FTC.	PWy
	Rodden Meadow The Community Projects Officer noted that she had received the final plan from NVB and was now planning a series of events at the meadow. One such event was The Big Lunch on 1 June which would be to encourage people to come to the meadow more.	
	Victoria Park The Community Projects Officer noted that FTC had received £50,000 of funding from Sport England to install a Multi Use Games Area in Mary Bailey Playing Field. She explained a drainage expert was coming to assess the field and she was investigating whether there was \$106 money available to spend on drainage. She noted that on 18 May the tennis club were having an open day and she would use this as a further consultation opportunity for the emerging idea for Victoria Park.	
	Showfield Cllr Boyden had attempted to arrange a meeting between all parties. However MDC were not willing. However MDC did say they intended to ensure the money from the s106 agreement is spent, unfortunately not on all the recommendations from the consultation findings. Cllr Berry asked if there was a case for using the s106 money for securing the site from traveller camps. The Town Clerk suggested he and the Community Projects Officer arrange a meeting with the Agricultural Society to discuss a way forward.	PWy/RK
	Henley Way	

	The Community Projects Officer noted that it was looking positive that the footpath would be open by the end of August and Network Rail was fixing the broken fence. Cllr Burgess requested that the Community Projects Officer ask Network Rail to reinstate the foot path that was behind the old gas works at Welshmill. Community Orchard The Community Projects Officer noted that the Grounds and Properties Manager would be ordering more fruit trees soon. Walking and cycling routes The Community Projects Officer explained that many of the priorities that had been identified could not be progressed until other organisations had completed their parts. Therefore the Town Clerk suggested that he, the Community Projects Officer, Cllr Burgess and Cllr Golinski meet to go through the priorities and identify ones that could be progressed sooner. Missing Link The Community Projects Officer noted that this project had been held up by issues with the landowners. She explained that Sustrans	RK PWy/RK
	were planning to complete their work in mid May. The recommendation was to approve the future work outlined in the report.	
	Proposed Cllr Burgess, seconded Cllr White, agreed unanimously.	
2014/23/EAC	7 FOR DECISION - FROME YOUTH SERVICES WORK The recommendations were:	
	Commission an organisation(s) to deliver a basket of youth work provision across the town	тн
	 Re-commission Young People Frome to continue to provide support to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for Young People and Youth Council from April 2014 to May 2015 	тн
	3. Support the Frome Twinning Association's request to fund up to ten members of the Frome Youth Council to attend the planned trip to Chateau Gontier	ТН
	Proposed Cllr Burgess, seconded Cllr Berry, agreed by majority.	
2014/24/EAC	8 FOR DECISION – GRANTS SECURED BETWEEN APRIL 2013 AND MARCH 2014 WITH GREEN STRAND SUPPORT The recommendation was to note the report and expect a full review at the meeting in September.	
	Proposed Cllr Golinksi, seconded Cllr Anderson, agreed	

	unanimously.	
2014/25/EAC	9 FOR DECISION – COMMUNITY TOILET SCHEME The Town Clerk explained the proposal to reduce the grant given to the participants of the scheme would allow them to improve promotion. He also noted that other schemes in the country have instead invested in the businesses to bring the toilets up to spec. Cllr White felt it would be ungenerous to reduce the money given to the organisations that are a part of the scheme. Cllr Burgess was unsure that a mystery shopper scheme would be looked upon favourably by the participants. Cllr Moore suggested the current stickers were misleading and as part of the new promotion the new stickers should make it clear that the toilet can be used for free. The Town Clerk, after taking on board Cllrs wishes to maintain the	PWy/PWh
	same level of grant, suggested he come back to the next meeting with a suggestion of which budget the additional money could come from. The recommendations were: 1. Continue the Community Toilet Scheme within the allocated budget enabling a maximum of 8 business participants to be involved 2. The level of grant remain at £500 3. Each participant entering into an agreement requires them to display new signage prominently, cover running costs and insurance and maintain their toilets to a standard to be confirmed 4. The establishment of a mechanism for feedback from the businesses and visitors 5. An assessment of the quality of the toilets being offered	•
	through quality control 6. Introduce a 'Best Toilet' award scheme Proposed Cllr White, seconded Cllr Burgess, agreed unanimously.	PWh
2014/26/EAC	10 FOR INFORMATION – NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE Cllr Burgess explained that he and the Planning & Development Officer had recently attended a meeting at MDC. He noted that the next stage would be for MDC to arrange a public consultation and FTC would try to encourage this to be sooner rather than later. It was noted that the plan would be submitted to MDC at the end of July.	

2014/27/EAC	12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be at 7pm on 25 June 2014, Saxonvale Centre	
The Chair closed the meeting at 9.28pm		