

# FROME TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of a meeting of the Town Matters Committee

Wednesday 8 December 2021, 7pm  
Zoom and Frome Town Hall

Present:  
Councillors:

In the Chamber: Ali Barclay, Nick Dove (Chair), Mark Dorrington, Paul Horton, Steve Tanner, Andy Wrintmore

Cllrs on Zoom: Rob Collett, Anne Hills and Andy Palmer

In attendance:

Cllr Sheila Gore, Annabel Macfadyen and Esmé Patey - Ford (Frome Neighbourhood Network), Paul Wynne (Town Clerk), Peter Wheelhouse (Deputy Town Clerk), Kate Hellard (Community Development Manager), Nikki Cox (Children and Young People's Project Officer), Hannah Stopford (Project Officer), Jane Llewellyn (Planning and Development Manager), Laura Flaherty (Executive Assistant to the Town Clerk and Mayor)

3 members of the public in the Chamber  
4 members of the public on Zoom

Minute Ref	Agenda Item	Action
2021/35/TM	<p>Meeting started at 7pm. Andy Wrintmore arrived at 7.01pm</p> <p><b>1a. Apologies for absence</b> Nick Dove proposed that Cllrs accepted apologies from Sara Butler, Rob Collett, Anita Collier, Maxine Crawley, Anne Hills, John Nelson, Andy Palmer and Scott Ward</p> <p>Proposed by Nick Dove, seconded by Steve Tanner, agreed unanimously.</p> <p><b>1b. Declaration of members' interests</b> None received</p> <p><b>1c. Minutes from the last meeting on 6 October 2021</b> The minutes of the Town Matters Committee meeting held on 6 October 2021 were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.</p> <p>Proposed by Ali Barclay, seconded by Andy Wrintmore, agreed unanimously.</p>	

2021/36/TM	2. Questions and comments from the public and Cllrs None was received.	
2021/37/TM	<p>3. For decision – Approval of the Play Strategy Rich Ackroyd arrived at 7.14pm. Kate provided a summary of the report.</p> <p>Thinking is play just for children. Participating in activities good for our health and wellbeing. Put brief out to tender. 500 respondents to survey, hosted focus groups and talked to other orgs. Showed popular places to play and activities. What stood out was free events were important. Asked to reflect pre pandemic. Using lots of different spaces, water play, opps to climb, accessible and affordable swimming. Children’s scapstore overlayed info with inspirational ideas from around the world and lots of theories. Audits of open spaces identified gaps. Particularly around being accessible. Provide snippets of play on a journey. Focus on adults as well. Work with businesses, make most of town centre and increase footfall. How we create risk and challenge for everyone. Woodland tribe, couple in 80’s came to event at Showfield after seeing it in Egford. Worked with 4/5 year olds. It was play for them as well. Had convos with mendip and county about creating a somerset wide strategy, this one could be the basis for that.</p> <p>Andy Jones – made contact with make space for girls. KH – yes part of one of the focus groups.</p> <p>ND – tangible outcome from mendip plan? KH – ours could be inspirational, see ideas in the strategy from around the world. Important opps are broader than fixed play and sits around other ambitions such as walking/cycling/school streets. Taken nuggets of best practice.</p> <p>ND – risky play KH – important to learn about risk for all, identified we don’t have many risky opps, no water play, not many opps for climbing. Lots to think about. Things like play streets.</p> <p>RC – could we find someway of incorporating it into a requirement for developments like Saxonvale and Selwood community KH – comms team going to something similar to the sustainability guidance. Have ideas that we can inform some of design aspirations with Selwood Community. Don’t want it to be so designed that its all in before residents move in.</p> <p>RA – refreshing to have this approach to risk as sometimes we have been put off because of risk assessments KH – joined some</p>	

	<p>play inspection training, asked more questions, now building sandpits and providing sticks for den building. NC – moving to risk benefit approach, do benefits outweigh risk.</p> <p>ST – missing response was from Edmund Park estate KH – will double check. Didn't do anything specific there but they weren't excluded. Google maps might not be up to date.</p> <p>The recommendation was to adopt the play strategy for Frome and continue to work towards achieving the ambitions of the document by coordinating the realisation of the recommendations laid out within it.</p> <p>Proposed by Andy Wrintmore, seconded by Steve Tanner, agreed unanimously.</p>	
2021/38/TM	<p><b>4. For information – Boyle Cross Phase 3 update</b> A summary of the report was given by Jane Llewellyn. She explained that she was working on getting additional quotes for the project hopefully by January 2022.</p> <p>Mark Dorrington asked when the seating and planters would be installed? Jane said it would depend on the lead in time, but had been previously told it would take eight weeks. She hoped to see the project complete by spring/summer 2022.</p> <p>Ali Barclay enquired about amount of seating. Jane explained there was more seating on the other side of the planters but it couldn't be seen on the illustration. She noted they had looked into the possibility of movable furniture, however there was no where to store it when not in use. There was the hope that those doing events/markets would bring additional seating.</p> <p>Sheila Gore asked about the progress of getting the fountain working? Paul Wynne said he would ask Chris Stringer for an update to let Cllrs know.</p>	
2021/39/TM	<p><b>5. For information - Community development update</b> Summary of report from Hannah Stopford.</p> <p>AM – thank you to FTC, Kate and Hannah for being amazing support. 12 people in steering group, also involved in lots of orgs in town. Does mean we have lots of links. Grew out of community development work commissioned previously. Talking about a strategy for the future and potential difficulties such as climate change. Continue to be inclusive and responsive, linking with other orgs. Hope network to grow, perhaps several streets joined together like small villages.</p>	

	<p>Looking to become and incorporated org, hope to work alongside FTC as independent. `</p> <p>Street parties Play streets</p> <p>Esme – restorative conversations. Training was engaging and inspiring. Skills and tools and language around restorative culture. Tried to relive tension before being conflict driven. Now see family interaction differently. Ideas informing lots of different areas of life. Going slow to go fast. Things are starting to crystalise about sharing skills around the town including toolkits.</p> <p>People’s budget – focus on street level projects, network offered support to put in applications. Wild bunch</p> <p>Continue to work with neighbourhood networks, co designing tool kits for the new year, work in areas to support new networks, continue to support</p> <p>ND – school age children get involved in restorative conversations? Esme – spoke to Melody about it, likely get more parents than young people. Thinking about going into the college and finding out how they would go about it. Starting convos young is valuable as its about creating a culture</p> <p>SG – network in my street has been fantastic and now overlapping with other streets. Neighbours helping each other out</p> <p>MD – thanks to Hannah. Since her involvement, engagement grown with lots of new people getting involved. Thank you for driving it</p> <p>Andy Palmer left the meeting 8.09pm</p>	
2021/40/TM	<p>6. For ratification – St Mary’s Church community grant Paul Wynne provided a summary of the report.</p> <p>The recommendation was to ratify the decision of the Town Clerk to award a grant of £1,000 to St Mary’s Church for their project to resurface the courtyard conditional on the church match funding this amount.</p> <p>Proposed by Rich Ackroyd, seconded by Mark Dorrington, agreed unanimously.</p>	

2021/41/TM	The next meeting will be at 7pm on Wednesday 23 February 2022, Frome Town Hall and Zoom.	

*Table 1 - Agenda items*

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.24pm