



ANDOVER TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of Assets and Amenities Committee

Time and date

7.00pm on Thursday 2nd February 2017

Place

Town Council Offices, High Street, Andover

Details of Attendance:

Town Councillors

Cllr C Ecclestone (P) – Chairman
Cllr V Pond (P) – Vice Chairman

Cllr S Hardstaff (A)
Cllr A Cotter (P)
Cllr R Hughes (A)

Cllr L Gregori (P)
Cllr R Kidd (P)
Cllr M Mumford (P)
Cllr K Bird (A)

Cllr Long (A)

Officer: Wendy Coulter (Town Clerk – taking minutes) and Tor Warburton (Training)

Also present:

Cllr Z Brooks – Test Valley Borough Council and Hampshire County Council.

Members of the Public: 0

AA 87/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors K Bird and B Long

AA 88/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

AA 89/16 MINUTES

To receive and agree the minutes of the Assets and Amenities Committee meeting held on 8 December 2016

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Assets and Amenities Committee meeting held on 8 December 2016 were signed as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr R Kidd and seconded by Cllr A Cotter. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.

AA 90/16 Cllr Z Brooks reported that she had received a letter from a member of the public who tripped and fell on the High Street breaking her arm. Cllr Brooks wanted to know if we receive reports on accidents that occur in Andover Town Centre. The Town Clerk responded that we do via the Internet and that there are about 15-20 reports a year, which is considerable.
Cllr L Gregori asked why was she asking and Cllr Brook responded that she was just trying to gauge the impact and how many.

AA 91/16 HIGH STREET ACCESSIBILITY SURVEY

It was agreed that this be deferred until Officers had got the Test Valley Borough Council report that was produced on this topic. They would then update the Committee with findings.

AA 92/16 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

To consider proposal for works schedule for Christmas Lights 2017 and further works to roll out during 2018. Report attached – Appendix A

Cllr L Gregori proposed and Cllr R Kidd seconded, that the recommendations be noted and that the Officers be asked to proceed.

RESOLVED: That the recommendations be noted and that the Officers be asked to proceed.

This was passed unanimously.

AA 93/16 DEFIBRILLATOR

It was agreed that Cllr K Bird would be asked to submit a written report.

AA 94/16 REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

Reports were received from the Working Groups:

Ludgershall Railway – report attached **Appendix B**

No other reports from Working Groups

It was agreed that where possible written reports will be submitted.

Cllr Z Brooks noted the Lengthsman scheme which is in place in some of the villages. It was agreed to add this to the next agenda for discussion.

AA 95/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note the date of the next Assets and Amenities Committee meeting as Thursday 30th March 2017

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.39pm.

Chairman

Date

**ANDOVER TO LUDGERSHALL RAILWAY
STEERING GROUP**

A Steering Group meeting was held in Ludgershall Town Council Office on Tuesday 6th December 2016 at 2pm.		
Present:	Ludgershall Cllr White	Andover Cllrs:- Ecclestone & Msorithi
Representatives	HCC - Cllr T. Rolt	Mr A. Johnston, Network Rail
	Wilts Cllr H Prickett	

	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Action</u>
1.	Prior to the meeting all the above members present visited the site.	
2.	<u>Apologies</u> were received from Ludgershall Cllrs Cordery, M. Williams, Hall & Pickernell (prior meetings/work) Wiltshire Cllr C. Williams (prior meeting)	
3.	Cllr White welcomed everyone to the Steering Group meeting and introduced Mr A Johnston from Network and Wiltshire Cllr H. Prickett, portfolio holder for Passenger Transport.	
4.	<p>Mr A. Johnston circulated his presentation explaining they run, maintain and develop Britain's rail tracks, signaling, bridges, tunnels, level crossings and many key stations. They do not operate passenger or freight trains. Major enhancements are funded under agreement between Network Rail & DfT following the Bowe Review. Roles and responsibilities of DfT as client and NR as system operator and principal delivery partner. All enhancements to have an appropriate transport business case in line with WebTAG before funding is released. Enhancements to have clear and measurable passenger/freight benefits. Formal gateways to proceed to next stage of development/design/delivery then continuous planning approach rather than rigid five-year cycle. In preparation of Business case there is a five case approach to follow.</p> <p>Some key issues relating to the Andover to Ludgershall line –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Network Rail do not own all the infrastructure • With current capability, only 1 train per hour could operate each way. • Future of military traffic • Need for upgrade to track, signaling, crossings & maintenance regime. • Sources of funding investigate both Hampshire & Wiltshire LEP's • Lessons to consider from the Waterside Report. 	
5.	<p>Members present discussed the above presentation giving comparisons with other similar projects, it was agreed a number of issues need investigating before a Business Plan could be drawn up, bearing in mind the next 5 year funding will run from 2019 -2024.</p> <p>The constraints relating to Andover Station – very poor access to the recently improved parking, the location of the Station to visit the Town</p>	

	<p>centre, is a long walk or wait to catch a bus and to get to work on the various business parks in Andover is almost impossible.</p> <p>To reinstate the line to Ludgershall, the population increase makes it a strategic case and the line infrastructure is already in place but permission to use it would be required from Ministry of Defence, Improvements to the signaling would be necessary if more than one train per hour used the line and the speed on the 7 mile stretch would be 25 miles per hour, however scope for more income for this line would be attractive.</p> <p>It was also agreed if the route was connected to Reading/Basingstoke this would be more attractive to encourage passengers to use the line with many other connection permutations available.</p> <p>Both Wiltshire & Hampshire LEP need to be contacted re funding and the purchase of lease of converted underground carriages from Viva Rail was suggested as this type of carriage is 1/3 cheaper to buy and maintain.</p>	
6.	<p>The following members will action before next meeting: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Ludgershall MP Claire Perry to request help to secure sharing the line from Andover to Ludgershall with Ministry of Defence. • Details of the Wiltshire LEP contacts. • Details of the Hampshire LEP • Contact Viva Rail for more information, costs etc. 	<p>Cllr White Cllr Prickett Cllr Rolt Cllr Ecclestone</p>
7.	<p>Date of next meeting Tuesday 24th January 2016 in Ludgershall Town Council Office, 22 High Street, Ludgershall at 2pm.</p>	