

**Minutes of Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee Meeting held on
Monday 28 April 2014 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Fore Street,
Okehampton at 7.00 pm**

Committee Members Present: Councillor A Leech (Chair)
Councillor Mrs J Goffey (Vice Chair)
Councillor C Letchford
Councillor Dr M Ireland
Councillor P Vachon
Councillor M Davies (Town Mayor)
Councillor Mrs C Marsh (Chair, Parks)
Councillor Mrs M McDonald (Chair P & R)

Other Members Present: Councillor T Cummings
Councillor B Stephens
Councillor D Weekes
Councillor Mrs J Yelland

In Attendance: Mr P R Snell (Town Clerk)
Mrs J Gillard

564. Apologies for Absence - None.

565. Deferment of Business - (for comment by the public) - No questions from the members of the public.

566. Members' Questions - None.

567. Minutes - The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 31 March 2014 were accepted and signed by the Chairman on the proposition of Councillor Mrs M McDonald and seconded by Councillor Mrs J Goffey.

568. Matters Arising -

568.1 Buses/Bus Stops - The Clerk reported that no adverse comments had been received by the Principal Transport Co-ordination Officer regarding the alleged failure of the bus service. Services had been monitored over a period and were found to be operating in accordance with timetabled schedules.

Councillor Mrs C Marsh arrived at 7.05 pm.

569. Plans - Councillor Mrs Marsh declared a personal interest as Chair of West Devon Borough Council Planning Committee and abstained from all votes on the planning applications reviewed.

00401/2014

Full

Not considered as application incomplete and understood to have been withdrawn.

00434/2014

Full

Householder application for erection of single storey rear extension
6 Newcombe Close, Okehampton EX20 1UG

Mr R Pedrick

Resolved to support the application on the proposition of Councillor Ireland, seconded by Councillor Mrs Goffey.

00428/2014

Full

Householder application for erection of double garage with storage over
13 Station Road, Okehampton EX20 1DY

Mr E Bussey

Resolved to support the application on the proposition of Councillor Letchford, seconded by Councillor Vachon.

00438/2014

Full

Householder application for erection of extension
2 Wonnacotts Road, Okehampton EX20 1LX

Ms A Fullbrook

Resolved to support the application on the proposition of Councillor Vachon, seconded by Councillor Mrs Goffey.

00459/2014

West Devon application

Works to trees in a Conservation Area for the felling of a three-limbed ash tree
located on the rear garden boundary of 117 Station Road
117 Station Road, Okehampton EX20 1EH

Ms M Tucker

Councillor Leech declared interest as a West Devon Borough Councillor.

Resolved to support the application on the proposition of Councillor Ireland, seconded by Councillor Mrs Goffey.

570. Planning Decisions -

01567/2011 Grant of Certificate of Lawfulness of existing use or development.
Continued use of lower ground floor self-contained bedsit at 129 Station Road,
Okehampton EX20 1EH. Consent noted.

- 571. Okehampton Masterplan** - The Chairman noted that West Devon Borough Council were about to go to consultation on 'Our Plan', a strategic corporate plan, shaping communities to 2031. A display of the Borough Council's information boards had been set up at the rear of the Council Chamber. There was some concern that the site earmarked for a Parkway Station would be compromised, but Councillor Ball reassured the Committee that there was no other purpose intended for this land footprint. The Chairman suggested that serious consideration on the drafting of a Neighbourhood Plan was the only way to safeguard Okehampton's interest. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would investigate a briefing on approaching the decision to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan. It was also noted that Councillor Goffey was attending an introductory session on 'Our Plan' to be held at WDBC. It

was also agreed that any consideration of a Neighbourhood Plan must be in conjunction with Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council.

Councillor B Stephens left the meeting at 7.30 pm.

572. Members' Reports -

- (i) Ockment Centre - Councillor Leech reported that the Children's Centre was yet to move in and that Children's Centres across the county were likely to have to find 15% saving under the 'Tough Choices' framework.
- (ii) Devon Senior Voice - no report.
- (iii) Dartmoor Railway Supporters' Association - Councillor Ireland summarised the vandalism incident and noted the current uncertainty about BARS running dining trains. The effect was a reduction of one train on the Sunday Rover Service, therefore reducing tourist/commuter capacity.
The Granite Line Group (linked to DRSA) were running trains at weekends between Meldon and Bow. Councillor Ireland noted the recent funeral of Tony Broadbury - a long-serving supporter of DRSA- which was well attended.
- (iv) Okehampton Matters - Councillor Mrs McDonald reported no recent meeting.
- (v) Okehampton Vision - Councillor Vachon reported that a meeting had been postponed. He had attended a meeting with Councillor Andrew Leadbetter where the importance of railway services between Okehampton and Plymouth had been discussed in the context of economic regeneration for North and West Devon as well as North and East Cornwall.

PART TWO ITEMS

It was resolved that under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item as it involves the likely disclosure of sensitive and confidential information. Proposed by Councillor Ireland, seconded by Councillor Mrs McDonald.

573. Review of Enforcement Cases - *List of cases reviewed (for information only).*

Meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

Councillor A Leech
Chairman