

MUCH WENLOCK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an **extraordinary Planning & Environment Committee meeting** held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 26th April 2022 at the Guildhall, Much Wenlock

Present: Councillors David Fenwick, Mike Grace, Wilfred Grainger, Chris Tyler, Duncan White (in the chair)

In attendance: Trudi Barrett – Town Clerk, one member of the public

1. Apologies

None, all Members were present.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Members were reminded that they are required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, whether or not the interest is entered in the Register of Members' Interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer.

3. Dispensations

None requested.

4. Draft Shropshire Local Plan Review 2016 – 2038 – Examination in Public (EIP)

- a. Members noted the draft timetable for the Stage 1 hearing sessions of the Examination in Public of the Shropshire Local Plan 2016 – 2038, commencing 5th July 2022. The deadline for registering to speak at the hearing was 2nd May 2022 and for the submission of written statements, 1st June 2022.
- b. Members considered guidance and other information provided by the Programme Officer on the Stage 1 hearing sessions, which would cover legal and strategic issues.
- c. Members noted that the Town Council's Shropshire Local Plan Review Working Group had held meetings with other objectors from the community. It was noted that the Local Plan Inspectors had requested that those submitting similar statements should collaborate.

Eight matters would be considered at the EIP, each containing several questions posed by the Inspectors. Six of the eight matters were pertinent to Much Wenlock, matters 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8, and the Council would need to respond to the relevant questions posed by the Inspectors. It was noted that statements should not repeat information already submitted as part of the Regulation 19 consultation and should not create new objections, but should focus on any new or additional information supporting the original objections. Each statement on each matter could be no longer than 3,000 words and must address the questions posed by the Inspectors. Different members of the working group were drafting responses to the various elements.

It was RESOLVED to:

1.
 - a. **Submit a statement to the Examination in Public saying that the Council wishes to be represented in person at the EIP to speak about matters 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8, and that**
 - b. **The Council is working collectively with other objectors in the community to make shared submissions as far as possible and list the members of the EIP group it is working with.**
 - c. **Request other objectors in the group to agree to make this statement as well.**
2. **It was RESOLVED that members of the Planning & Environment Committee should work with other objectors from the community to prepare and submit the statements in support of the Council's stated objection made in June 2021.**
3. It was noted that now the EIP was open, Shropshire Council could make modifications to the Draft Local Plan. **It was RESOLVED to invite the Leader of Shropshire Council, Councillor Lezley Picton, to make the changes to the Draft Local Plan previously requested by the Town Council.**
4. It was noted that due to the very tight timescale for the EIP, there would be no opportunity to formally present the final statements to the Planning & Environment Committee or full Council before submission to the EIP. **It was RESOLVED to update full Council on progress at the meeting on 12th May.**

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

Signed.....(Chairman)

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