

Minutes:

Steering Group members had previously been circulated with a copy of the report from the previous meeting of the Town Study Steering Group which had been held on 14th. June, 2010.

RECOMMENDED: That the report on the meeting of the Town Study Steering Group held on 14th. June, 2010, be accepted as a true record.

Matters arising from Minutes.

Councillor Gant welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed members that in the recent past a number of issues had been addressed and despite the efforts of all concerned little or no progress had been made for various reasons, for example fingerposts and directional signs which the Vale of Glamorgan had blocked for various reasons. Should the group attempt to re-visit some of these issues or were there some new ideas that perhaps could now be looked at. General discussion followed with many members expressing the view that signage in the town could still be improved, to cover both entrance and exit routes from the town centre. Councillor G. John suggested that Mr. Miles Punter the head of Visible Services for the Vale of Glamorgan Council could be invited to the next meeting to discuss the subject. Mrs. J. Williams informed the group that funding from the Creative Rural Communities was one option to consider, a grant of upto £40,000.00 could be obtained, although this would be subject to match funding rules of 30% of the cost of any project. This would also require that any Town/Village making an application would have to produce a Town/Village Plan, similar to the Atkins Plan produced for Llantwit Major, showing that the project had been identified as a priority need by local people. There would also need to be planning consent for any project prior funding being made available. Sian Roberts pointed out that the Eisteddfod to be held in 2012 should be considered when dealing with any signage issues and the need for signs to be bilingual.

RECOMMENDED: That Mr. Miles Punter the Head of Visible Services for the Vale of Glamorgan Council be invited to the next group meeting to discuss future projects.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED: That the full Town Council consider producing a Town Plan to identify local priorities.

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Boverton Road Regeneration Project Update.

Councillor G. John informed group members that the works on Boverton had progressed well and were nearing completion. There had been a number of small issues that have occurred during the contract but these had been substantially resolved and works are planned for completion by the end of June 2011. The works currently outstanding were the completion of the wall, the new revised wall construction is progressing well and the re-measured coping stones are to be onsite and installed by 16th. June, 2011. The new handrail is planned for installation from the 15th. June, 2011. It was planned that the completed wall will be revealed with the removal of the close board fencing on Friday, 27th. June, 2011. The snagging items would be undertaken including a small number of slabs and tie-in details to the buildings before the scheme is officially handed over to the Town Council and the landowners. Discussion took place as to whether an article should be sent to the Gem Newspaper just to inform the public about some of the problems that had been encountered during the project and how these had been resolved. Mrs T. Benfield informed the group that plants would be put in, weather permitting, on Thursday, 16th. June, 2011. Councillor R. Austin informed the group that there were some issues with the and that there were now daily site meetings to ensure the wall was completed correctly, as some of the work was not up to the standard required. Councillor G. John informed the group that once work was complete and handed over then the opening ceremony would be arranged. Mr I. Hunt remarked that once it was completed it would make huge difference to the appearance of the town centre.

Suggested future agenda items.

Councillor R. Gant informed group members that the Eisteddfod was a major event to be held in the next twelve months. The Town Council were already in the process of looking forward towards the National Eisteddfod in 2012. The Town Council had met and agreed to the organising committee being given free use of Town Council facilities for any fund raising activities. Further discussion was also due to take place regarding a possible donation or other appropriate means of supporting the Eisteddfod. Mrs J Moisan informed the group that all the towns other organisations should be encouraged to become involved in the Eisteddfod and bring people into the town. General discussion followed regarding transport and parking for the Eisteddfod in the area and it was noted that many of the issues were already being considered by the organisers of the Eisteddfod. Councillor R. Gant said that the Town Council may wish to increase its Members who were attached to the Eisteddfod organising committee's. Further discussion followed regarding other aspects of the town. The train station and need to improve the general appearance. Flowers in the Town Centre and grants from Llanilltud Fawr in Flower for shop owners. Involving the youth of the town as volunteers for

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projects. Access to the Beach area and facilities provided. Mrs. H. March informed the Group about the Explore and more project. This web based database provided information about the Vale of Glamorgan, it was intended to place a kiosk in St. Illtyds Church for the public to use, there were some problems with the Church in Wales agreeing to the Kiosk, but it was anticipated the issues would be resolved. Mrs. H. March suggested the group could also look at the issue of Electrical and Telephone wires around the town centre, they are unsightly and could be buried underground. Mr. I. Hunt mentioned the speed humps, some of these should be removed.

Future meeting dates.

The future meeting dates were agreed and the next meeting will be at 7.00pm. Monday, 12th. September, 2011.