



track to Dunkirk Mill; tour of FGR-FC and Leisure Centre; walk around the town in the context of urban regeneration. The day would end with a presentation in the Mortimer Room.

## **2007/284 REPORT OF COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

**District Cllr Jeffreys** reported that things were generally quiet at SDC; the last meeting of the civic year would take place on 26 April.

As requested, Cllr Jeffreys had brought a **list of resources provided to Nailsworth by SDC**, although he added that the list was not definitive and some items were difficult to quantify. He claimed that SDC had been responsible for providing over £600,000 over the last four to five years. Cllr Mrs Williams-Allen clarified that much of the actual cash was grant aid from other sources, such as the Football Foundation in the case of the new football stadium, and 106 agreements rather than budget money from SDC itself.

Cllr Jeffreys confirmed that SDC's role was as an enabler and to bring in money from other partners for the benefit of the District. Cllrs asked for a breakdown of monies actually provided to Nailsworth from SDC coffers and an indication of how this compared with funding to other parts of the District.

Ms Judy King from Dursley had undertaken a study on behalf of Dursley, Wotton and Nailsworth, to establish the costs involved in helping their **country markets**, in particular with publicity and practical facilities. She had included in her proposed budget a sum of £4000 to provide additional electricity sockets and a water supply for the Nailsworth market.

Cllr Affleck advised that, in respect of renewed interest in transport and accessibility, setting up a **Car Club scheme** was being revisited. There was no news from SDC lawyers, who had been checking on liability if the parking space allocated was on SDC land. Cllr Affleck understood that 106 agreements had been used elsewhere to support this type of scheme and Cllr Jeffreys was asked if SDC Planning Department would look favourably on development applications which included this component.

Cllr Kay added that, at a recent **Market Towns meeting**, Ms Sue Creswick had raised the 106 issue and expressed concern that towns were not getting their dues. A list of questions had been put to Ms Vicky Hancock to take to Ms Karen Toole and this list would be emailed to Cllr Jeffreys. The next meeting of the committee would take place on 15 May, when answers were expected. Cllr Jeffreys advised it would be better to speak to Mr Barry Wyatt on this subject.

**County Cllr Waddington** had emailed a report for the meeting as he was unable to attend. The main highlight was the opening of the Gloucester SW bypass on 25 May which should do much to relieve congestion. Some changes might become necessary resulting from the termination of the Highway Agency agreements with Cheltenham and Gloucester but the end result should see improvements to the system. Following a request from the Mayor, Cllr Waddington had been able to arrange some badly needed road repairs on Spring Hill, which would probably be delayed until May half term because of having to interfere with traffic flow.

**2007/284 TOWN MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

22/23 March	Attended NYCE committee meetings. The Mayor wished to congratulate Mr Mike Conroy and the committee for making positive changes, creating a business plan and constitution.
26 March	Attended a meeting of Nailsworth Primary School Governors. The Mayor took the opportunity to advise that both she (council governor) and Cllr Mrs Williams-Allen (community governor) would be standing down. Government rules had changed in the meantime and it was up to the School as to whether it wished to reappoint a new council governor, in which case a formal request would be made in writing.
1 April	Attended a Celebration of Music event put on by 1 <sup>st</sup> Nailsworth Guides and the Mayor was very impressed with the quality of the performance and the size of the unit.
16 April	Chaired an interesting and informative Annual Town Meeting, reflecting once again the wealth of groups and associations for all ages in the town.

An application to undertake tree felling as part of the pond restoration at Dunkirk Mill was referred to the Recreation & Amenities Committee.

**2007/286 REPORT OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

Cllr Kay reported that he had attended the last meeting of **SDC Market Towns Partnership** with Cllrs Affleck and Mrs Williams-Allen, which had led to the survey being prepared by Ms Judy King as mentioned earlier. He added that Ms Vicky Hancock had indicated that SDC would be likely to make funds available over a two year period but there were no specific proposals as yet.

Cllr Kay clarified that this was a separate group for SDC market towns, set up by Rodborough but now taken over by SDC and managed by low level SDC regeneration officers. It had been agreed to include Chambers of Trade at the next meeting and the group hoped to get answers from SDC.

Cllr Kay had attended the opening of the **new Emmaus shop** in Market Street on 29 March with the Bishop of Gloucester who was in fact national patron of Emmaus. The larger shop was now able to sell furniture. Cllr Kay added that the Nailsworth Emmaus had been the first shop in Gloucestershire and continued to be a focal point in the network.

The next **meeting of GMTF** would take place on 10 May at Coleford starting at 5.30pm, the theme being 'what rural communities can do to recycle more and protect the environment'.

**2007/287 REPORT OF TOWN CLERK**

The latest edition of the **Sue Ryder Leckhampton Court newsletter** had been received, and it was agreed to discontinue this publication. The Clerk reported that she was arranging repair of **broken windows at KGV changing rooms**.

Mr Richard Kelly of **Thistledown Farm** had requested use of the banner posts to advertise a Sustainable Living Countryside event on 8 and 9 June, which was approved for one week from 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

A meeting would take place in the Council Chamber on 27 April at 10am to discuss plans for the **Stone Fountain** with the architects.

The next **Environment Committee meeting** falls on a bank holiday and was rescheduled to 8pm on 1<sup>st</sup> May to follow the meeting of the Planning Committee.

The meeting listed on the agenda for 30 April was in fact a **Town Newsletter Committee meeting** and would take place at 6pm.

**2007/288 REPORT OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

The minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 21 March were approved.

**2007/289 REPORT OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Cllr Bratby presented the report of the meeting of the committee held on 27 March and the minutes were approved.

Cllr Bratby drew attention to the **revised hire fees** and the decision to commission drawings for the **FG Community Centre**. The Clerk had received notification from Buchannan Partnership that the cost of this stage in the process would be £8950 + vat and disbursements + cost of engineering input. The company's charges were based on 4.5% (normally 6.5%) of the estimated build cost which amounted to a fee of £22500, of which this stage represented 40%. It was agreed that the project could go no further without completing this stage and the Clerk was asked to obtain an estimate of the engineer's costs so that the committee could proceed.

Mr Trevor Allen, GCC Libraries & Information had apologised to the Clerk for the short notice in installing the **information stand in the library lobby**. He would be asking Ms Mary Tucker to assess the health & safety aspect of the stand before reverting to the Clerk. It was noted that although the position of the rack blocked half the space on the formal Council notice board, one of the cabinets at the end of the lobby had been given over to Council information.

**2007/290 REPORT OF RECREATION & AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

Cllr Kay presented the report of the meeting of the committee held on 10 April and the minutes were approved with the following amendment –

**Penultimate paragraph on page 1, second line, to read**

. . . of the order of **£10,000** . . . .

Cllrs Byrne and Kay had looked at the problems in **Miles Marling** field. Discussion ensued as to how best to deal with the stone wall, knocked down for the third time in 18 months. Although the wall was privately owned, residents perceived it to be NTC's responsibility. Cllr Byrne would provide an estimate for its repair and alternative access arrangements at the next meeting of the committee, and volunteered to wedge the loose post round the tree at no cost.

Cllr Kay suggested a decision in principle needed to be taken as to which route the committee should pursue with regard to **Market Street Triangle**. It was clear the plot had to be properly surveyed before any advance could be made on design. Bartosch & Stokes had provided an estimate of £1200 for full survey of levels including bore holes to discover what lay underneath. Cllr Byrne suggested it was sufficient to undertake a levels survey in the first instance to decide if it would be appropriate to build up or dig down to create the terrace area and undertook to obtain an estimate of the cost from a colleague, unless it was simple enough, in which case he was prepared to do it himself without charge and NTC would hire the appropriate equipment.

**RESOLVED** Cllr Nicholson proposed, seconded by Cllr Mrs Williams-Allen to unanimous approval, that up to £1000 be committed to covering the cost of a levels survey on the Market Street Triangle.

Cllr Mrs Williams-Allen added that this was the kind of project for which the Chamber of Trade might be able to obtain funding.

Cllr Mrs Williams-Allen reminded the meeting that NTC had some years ago considered creating a joint use leisure area at the **Tynings open space** with different activities for different age groups, including a quiet sitting garden. However the current project had been sparked off by SDC's needing to provide a play area for a specific age group in order to qualify for some outside funding.

**2007/291 REPORT OF PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Cllr Affleck presented the reports of the meetings of the committee held on 22 March and 3 April.

RESOLVED that the comments of the Planning Committee made at its meetings held on 22 March and 3 April 2007 be approved.

**2007/292 NAILSWORTH HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY**

GRCC had indicated that a 5% response was typical although Cllrs were disappointed, but perhaps this indicated that the housing needs of the town were actually adequate. It was wondered if the 22 who had indicated a need for affordable housing could get priority in the allocation of the new accommodation at Hazel Court. GRCC would notify SDC of the names.

In order to encourage families to get on the housing list, it was agreed to advertise the process in the Fountain and Nailsworth News and see if leaflets could be made available at the TIC and Library.

Cllr Nicholson offered to obtain information from SDC housing department to discover how housing was allocated and the Mayor suggested exploring available locations for new build through the design statement process.

**2007/293 REVIEW OF EVANS REPORT ON TOWN CENTRE**

The process had been through several stages and a considerable response made to Roger Evans. NTC's comments would be consolidated into a document at the Planning Committee meeting this Thursday, to be presented to District Council and Ms Sheila Hume at a meeting arranged for 26 April at 6pm in the Council Chamber.

**2007/294 ACCOUNTS**

RESOLVED that the list of accounts at 31 March 2007 amounting to £13198.19 be retrospectively approved, and that the list of accounts at 17 April 2007 amounting to £9750.25 be approved for payment.

**2007/295 MakerGreen Team – recycling at Nailstock**

The organisation requested £360 to run a litter collection and recycling scheme at Nailstock. Following discussion, the meeting voted 3 in favour and 4 against. The Clerk was asked to turn down the request.

**2007/296 Cotswold Conservation Board – AONB Management Plan**

The document could also be found on the web and comments were invited by 3 May.

**2007/297 David Drew MP – Review by Commission for Rural Communities into strengthening the role of rural councillors**

Cllrs were invited to contact the Clerk for further information.

**2007/298 Environment Agency – Severn Vale Catchment Abstraction Management Strategy**

The document was noted.

**2007/299 Postwatch – consultation on post office closures**

Cllr Eddyshaw had reviewed the document and advised that no further comment was required.

**2007/300 Volunteer & Community Action (Stroud) Ltd – request for volunteers**

Cllrs were asked to notify the Clerk of any likely candidates, in particular drivers, and the poster would be put up in the TIC.

**2007/301 GCC – mobile libraries revised routes**

Available in the office.

**2007/302 GCC – road closure Old Market**

Notification of road closure on 28 April for Nailsworth Festival was approved.

**2007/303 AE Smith – lease of land at Shortwood to Central Networks**

A couple of amendments to the lease for the new substation had been put forward by the solicitor.

**2007/304 Stroud Valleys Project – quarterly advertising of local environmental projects**

It was suggested the reports could be emailed to the TIC.

**2007/305 SDC – temporary road closure Market Street**

Notification of road closure on 9 June for the Craft Market was approved.

**2007/306 Atkins – Cotswold Freight Management Study**

The organisers had forgotten to notify NTC of the recent meeting. Cllr Nicholson offered to review the document.

**2007/307 Society of Friends – Heritage Open Days**

The Society invited owners of buildings of architectural or historical interest to join in the next Heritage Open Day. A leaflet was proposed with a guided walk around the town’s buildings. The Clerk was asked to respond that NTC could not participate this year.

At the end of the final meeting in the current council term, the Mayor thanked Cllrs for all their hard work and effort, and in particular for their support to her during her two years as Mayor.

Cllrs in turn thanked the Mayor for her excellent leadership over the period.

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Chairman