



# FARNHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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## Notes Community Enhancement Working Group

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### Time and date

4.00 pm on Wednesday 8th January, 2020

### Place

Byworth Room - Town Council Offices

### Attendees:

Members: Councillors Sally Dickson (Lead Member), Paula Dunsmore and Michaela Gray

Officers: Iain Lynch (Town Clerk), Iain McCready (Business and Facilities Manager), Stacey Wills (Community Enhancement and projects Officer temp), Stephanie Jones (Community Enhancement and projects Officer temp) and Sara Jones (Assistant Town Clerk interim)

### 1. Apologies for Absence

POINTS	ACTION
Apologies from Councillors Martin, Hesse and Fraser.	

### 2. Disclosure of Interest

POINTS	ACTION
There were no disclosures of interest.	

### 3. Notes of the last meeting

POINTS	ACTION
The notes of the previous meeting were agreed with a correction that Cllr Dunsmore was present.	

### 4. Public transport in Farnham

POINTS	ACTION
Councillor Dickson raised the ongoing problem of the pollution in Farnham and how the use of the local bus services can reduce this. She introduced Martin McDougall (Aldershot Area Manager for Stagecoach) and Laurie	1. Members were in agreement that Stagecoach and FTC

<p>James (Surrey County Council's Local Bus Service Manager) to discuss the current and planned service.</p> <p>Martin McDougall mentioned that Stagecoach had developed an app which showed real time updated bus times, allowed residents to buy their tickets in advance and shows all bus routes in the local area, making buses more accessible. It was agreed that Martin McDougall would forward the Stagecoach marketing team's information to FTC to set up ways FTC could help advertise the use of the app. Martin also spoke about ways they are trying to reduce the number of cars on the road, including offering a discounted plus weekly bus pass for the Blackwater Valley route, which allowed you to jump on and off the bus all week for around £17-£18. Stagecoach also plans to launch their Green Campaign this year.</p> <p>Members also discussed the idea of improving the local bus shelters with real time arrival signs, and decided that if it was feasible, the Union Road, Sainsbury's and Queens Head bus stops would all benefit from these signs. Laurie James mentioned that the cost of one of these signs was around £8000 a year plus maintenance etc. The app may be a more effective tool.</p> <p>Members discussed needing to collect data to have a clearer understanding of resident's use of public transport in Farnham; Stagecoach can offer us trends of 2019-2020.</p> <p>Councillor Dickson asked if having bus services run every 15 minutes would get more people using them, Laurie James felt this was unlikely to be able to go ahead, unless there was a large rise in funding as each route costs approximately £700,000 per annum.</p> <p>low emission bus was in the early stage of development, however by 2030 they should be more common. Currently it is not cost effective to replace existing buses with low emission buses, as it costs around £350,000-£400,000 per vehicle. In 4-5 years this cost should lower.</p>	<p>should work together to publicise the app to encourage more people in Farnham to use the buses.</p> <p>2. Laurie James would pass on further information regarding the real time signs and his colleague's information to discuss funding/possibility of introducing these.</p> <p>3. Laurie James and Martin McDougall to be invited back in 6 months' time to review the actions put in place.</p>
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## 5. SCC/ Enterprise Car Club Scheme

<b>POINTS</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<p>Richard Peplow from Surrey County Council presented the Surrey Car Club Scheme. He explained to members the basic idea of the car club was to reduce the amount of cars on the road by offering short and long term car hire based in the town 24 hours a day. There is an app and it is accessible to anyone with a license (full checks by DVLA are carried out). It is focused on the younger population, students, who don't want to own their own car and also businesses in the town to offer to employees. There is a cost per hour and a cost per mile with no mileage restriction. Currently Enterprise are Surrey's contracted car club supplier until May 2020. He explained the growth of interest in the car club, in Jan 2017 there were 311 users and Nov 2019 there were 1276. There is a car club car in use 7-8 hours a day on average. Currently there are 14 cars in Guildford and 7 in Woking, 6 of which are electric, with charging facilities needing to be in place before more can be added.</p> <p>Brightwells will have 3 car club bays. Members discussed possibility of adding bays to local car parks, Richard Peplow agreed to discuss with Waverley.</p>	<p>1. FTC Officers to draw up a geographical map showing potential spaces for the car club.</p> <p>2. Richard Peplow to send 2019 user report.</p> <p>3. Richard Peplow to Research into the possibility of having</p>

<p>Members also suggested the Memorial Hall would be a prime location for a bay to be positioned.</p> <p>The Woolmead Development will have 2 bays in the Town Centre, Richard mentioned the possibility of on-street bays but this is still to be confirmed other locations such as Badshot Lea were also discussed; The Kiln opposite the new development offers space to be used.</p> <p>In terms of user profiling, Richard explained that Como UK run an annual survey with a report of all customers.</p> <p>Actions were discussed amongst members and Richard Peplow stated that publicity to residents should be prioritized due to the time restraints on the new Brightwell's developments.</p>	<p>spaces in Waverley Borough Council's car parks.</p>
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## 6. Farnham In Bloom

POINTS	ACTION
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Members received a verbal update on the recent activity of the Farnham In Bloom Community Group from its Chairman, John Ely which included plans to relaunch Bloomin Litter, preparation for the Big Meet, expansion of Bloomin Friends, engagement with Secondary Schools and the review of the Secret Garden judging.</li> <li>2. Cllr Dunsmore requested leaflets/information to promote Farnham In Bloom volunteering opportunities when Councillors attend events. Officers agreed this would take the form of information about the relaunch of Bloomin' Litter.</li> <li>3. Cllr Dickson suggested involving Environmental Officer at local schools</li> <li>4. Members noted that the first Farnham In Bloom event is the Bloomin' Big Meet on 10th February.</li> <li>5. Members discussed various ideas for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary including feature planting, sculpture planting, video looking at past and future and Gostrey developments. Officers noted that Jamie Butterworth (London Stone) has offered to help with the ideas for a feature development in town.</li> <li>6. It was noted that 50 trees from Squires were arriving in February and a few groups were interested in helping with planting.</li> </ol>	<p>The Business and Facilities Manager to arrange meeting.</p>

## 7. Allotments

POINTS	ACTION
<p>Members received an update on Farnham Allotments waiting list numbers and vacant plots. Members noted that FTC still waiting for the new allotment area in Weybourne from Waverley Borough Council.</p>	

<p>Members discussed access to Wrecclesham Allotments (Westfield Lane) and the planning application for the road to be resurfaced. Cllr Dickson questioned the geotextile layer and wondered if this was necessary if the ditch could be cleared.</p> <p>The Six Bells allotment site was also discussed in terms of the plot holders wanting to put in deer fencing. It was agreed this would be discussed at the allotment liaison meeting in February.</p>	<p>Farnham Town Council Officers to contact SCC about the geotextile layer and also the water issue.</p>
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## 8. Farnham Biodiversity Action Plan

POINTS	ACTION
<p>Members reviewed the recent activity of the Biodiversity Action Group, noting that they had made very good progress to date.</p>	<p>To include the Swift project as an agenda item at the next meeting.</p>

## 9. Bush Hotel Bins

POINTS	ACTION
<p>Officers updated Members on a meeting that took place before Christmas with local businesses. These businesses are using the new bins. The users of the bins who didn't attend the meeting need to be contacted formally by letter. The number of bins has been reduced.</p>	<p>Officers to contact the Business owners who are not using the Bin store and an end date is to be set.</p>

## 10. Street Furniture

POINTS	ACTION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Members discussed the need of a new noticeboard outside the Co-op in Wrecclesham, which had been ordered and would be put up within the next week. Farnham Town Council was also buying 3 new bins, which will have the Heritage logo on.</li> <li>ii. The members believe that overall the graffiti is being kept on top of. Aim to ensure people know they can report through FTVC, Waverley or Surrey County Council's website.</li> <li>iii. Iain McCready told the members that all the FTC owned bus stops have been cleaned, however it was noted that the Brightwell's bus stop on East Street needed cleaning again.</li> <li>iv. Members noted that when banners were fitted on railings they seemed to get hit less. They discussed that bollards may be a better idea, and to make residents aware that if they witness a vehicle crashing into the railings they must report it.</li> </ul>	

## 11. Date of the next meeting

POINTS	ACTION
<p>The date of the next meeting is the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020</p>	

