

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Cranbrook Placemaking Group held at Conference Room, Younghayes Centre, Cranbrook on 18 November 2024

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The meeting started at 9.30 am and ended at 10.31 am

20 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 September 2024

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Cranbrook Placemaking Group held on 16 September 2024 were agreed.

21 Apologies

Apologies received from Councillor Kevin Blakey and Sam Hawkins.

22 Declarations of Interest

None.

23 Public speaking

None.

24 Matters of urgency

None.

25 Confidential / exempt items

None.

26 Cranbrook Town Centre

The Group received a report confirming that the Strategic Planning Committee had endorsed the Cranbrook Town Centre Masterplan at their meeting on 29 October 2024.

It was noted that the masterplan ensured there was a coordinated approach to the delivery of the public buildings in the town centre and that individual projects were managed as part of an overarching programme.

It was acknowledged that having a coordinated approach to the delivery of additional development in the town centre was important for the vitality and vibrancy of the town and to ensure the right facilities were brought forward to support the growing community.

The Group received an update and noted the following:

- Work to transfer Parcel TC2 progressing.
- Health provision – location identified
- Sport facility – successful funding bid from Sport England

The Group recognised the importance of the governance arrangements for the masterplan and it was noted that the Group would receive details of how East Devon District Council and Devon County Council would work together on the masterplan with an update being presented to the next meeting in January 2025.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Cranbrook Placemaking Group note the endorsement of the Town Centre Masterplan by the Strategic Planning Committee
2. That the Cranbrook Placemaking Group note the establishment of a programme to provide coordination and oversight of individual town centre projects.

27 **Cranbox**

The Group received a verbal update and during consideration the following was noted:

- Dedicated EDDC resources now in place
- Funding – draft agreement in preparation

RESOLVED:

That the update on Cranbox was noted.

28 **Cranbrook public transport and movement**

The Group received a verbal update on the Cranbrook public transport and movement and during consideration noted the following:

- Timing for improved public transport links and parking
- Priority for cyclists and pedestrians minimising facilities for car usage
- Route expansion to railway station

The Group agreed to invite a representative from Devon County Council to submit a report to a future meeting setting out the priorities for public transport, cycling and pedestrians including route viability for Cranbrook.

RESOLVED:

1. That the update was noted.
2. To invite a representative from Devon County Council to submit a report setting out the priorities for public transport, cycling and pedestrians including route viability for Cranbrook.

29 **Forward Plan**

The Group considered the Forward Plan covering the period up to June 2025.

RESOLVED:

That the Cranbrook Placemaking Group Forward Plan was noted.

30 **Implementation Plan**

The Group received the Implementation Plan which set out the progress on a number of key actions and noted the update.

RESOLVED:

That the Implementation Plan was noted.

31 **Consortium Completions Programme**

The Group received a verbal update on the Consortium Completions Programme and requested that a representative from the Consortium was invited to the next Group meeting to discuss timescales for their activity.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Consortium Completions Programme was noted.
2. That a representative from the Consortium was invited to the next meeting to discuss timescales for their activity.

Attendance List

Councillors present:

K Bloxham
T Olive
H Gent (DCC)

Councillors also present (for some or all the meeting)

A Bailey
B Bailey

Officers in attendance:

Thea Billeter, Cranbrook New Community Manager
Ed Freeman, Assistant Director Planning Strategy and Development Management
Naomi Harnett, Corporate Lead (Interim) – Major Projects & Programmes
Andrew Melhuish, Democratic Services Manager

Councillor apologies:

K Blakey
S Hawkins

Chair

Date: