**HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL**

**PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE**

**HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, HEREFORD**

**on Thursday 6th April 2017**

**Present:** Cllrs Kath Hey, Marcelle Lloyd-Hayes, Chris Chapell, Charles Nichols, Mark Dykes, Mr John Bothamley of the Civic Society

**OFFICERS ATTENDING:** Connor Powell – Administration, Finance and Information Officer

**P037 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Cllrs Mark Mansell, Sharon Michael, Sue Boulter

**P038 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES:**

Cllr Marcelle Lloyd-Hayes to chair

**P039 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None at this time.

**P040 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE:**

The minutes of the meeting of 16th March 2017 were agreed as an accurate record.

**P041 DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

**It was Resolved that the participation of those City Councillors who are also members of the County of Herefordshire District Council in both the debate and any subsequent vote on matters contained in this agenda is on the basis that the views expressed are preliminary views taking account of the information currently available to the City Council and that District Councillors reserve their final views on all applications until they are in full possession of all relevant information both for and against.**

**P042 POLICY ISSUES**

**042.1 Update on Hereford Area Plan Meetings**

Cllrs noted that the response to the recent public exhibition at Hereford Courtyard had been negatively reviewed on social media. This was possibly due to the digital renditions of the planned areas being not entirely accurate, and subject to change. Concerns were also raised on the issue of cycle routes and their absence from the HAP videos. John Bothamley brought the issue of university housing, highlighting the concern that Herefordshire Council could be taking on the role of landlord to the new buildings being used as student accommodation. As it appears that students must use the university accommodation while at the new university, it could be seen as discouraging local young people from going in the first place. It was agreed that the country council should communicate these issues with the city council before acting on them. These apprehensions will be raised with the Town Clerk and brought to the next Town Meeting.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Committee noted to action the issues highlighted regarding the Hereford Area Planning Exhibition.**

**P043 APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

It was **Resolved**

**That the applications noted in the attached table, and the licensing matters attached with the responses of the City Council be agreed and forwarded to the Planning Authority by the Clerk.**

**P044 CORRESPONDENCE**

**044.1 Rumble Strips**

The Administration, Finance and Information Officer brought to attention the issue to Rumble Strips on Aylestone Hill. Cllr Lloyd-Hayes noted that cars have been driving onto the cycle lanes on Aylestone Hill, and a possible solution may be to introduce rumble strips along the cycle lane border. As the issue is not the cars speed, and enforcement cannot be legislated, the solution was favoured by present councillors. Cllr Lloyd-Hayes actioned further research into providing the strips, and will recommend them at a later date.

**044.2 Attendance to Meetings**

At the beginning of the meeting, five Councillors were present, as well as John Bothamley of the Civic Society. Over the course of the meeting, an additional two councillors needed to be excused, leaving only three to discuss the majority of planning applications. Due to the duty of care councillors provide to residents in planning meetings, it was noted that actions need to be taken to ensure higher turnouts, with the possibility of bringing this issue to Full Council.

**P045 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 27th April 2017 at 6 pm.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Signed ……………………………………………………………………

Date ……………………………………………………………………....