

Councillors: Mrs Gill Grant (Chairman)

Co-Optees: Andrew Marston
Martin Northern
Christopher Smith

47. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Beverley Hulme, Mrs Mary May and Mark Snowdon.

48. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations in relation to pecuniary interests, however, Andrew Marston advised of his interest in properties on Commercial Road.

49. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 APRIL 2013

RESOLVED that Minute Nos. 40 to 46 of the meeting of the Section 106 Steering Group held on 17 April 2013 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Gill Grant and seconded by Andrew Marston

It was noted that Donald Martin had confirmed that there were no Section 106 funds that could be used for the installation of public art on Treliever roundabout. The Town Clerk advised that a report had been written for Council on the issue of allotments and was being followed up. Martin Northern advised that he had approached an expert in urban design regarding Commercial Road who had asked to see the Group's proposals before having any further input.

50. COMMERCIAL ROAD

Andrew Marston presented a montage of aerial photographs of Commercial Road and slides showing some of the issues and possible solutions. He advised that he had spoken to a number of traders on Commercial Road who had indicated that they would be in favour of improvements on Commercial Road provided that parking was not reduced and that the traffic flow was not interrupted. The Group also considered the objectives and proposals of the Falmouth and Penryn Combined Development Framework. It was suggested that a variety of road surfacing materials could be used to indicate parking spaces to avoid excessive white lines.

Andrew Marston advised that pedestrians often walked in the cycle lanes where there were no pavements provided, and whilst there was a requirement for new developments to install pavements where appropriate, this did not appear to have been consistently applied. It was noted that there were a large number of entrances and exits along the road which caused vehicles and pedestrians to cross the cycle lanes, and that

on a wide road such as this, cycle lanes often increased the speed of traffic. It was therefore agreed that it would be beneficial to end the cycle lane at Penryn Bridge, which would also enable better use of the road for parking.

It was suggested that the hatched area at the entrance to Commercial Road could be replaced with a landscaped traffic island and that good road signs at either end of the road would help to define the space. It was also suggested that a roundabout at the junction with Church Road might improve the access to and from Commercial Road for vehicles travelling in the direction of Mylor. Other suggestions included gaps in the wall of Penryn Bridge to provide better views of the river, the reopening of the footpath from Commercial Road to The Square, alternating herring bone parking on both sides to create a natural meander to the road, and further pedestrian refuges with landscaping. It was noted that it was desirable to avoid the use of raised platforms to slow the traffic.

51. NEXT STEPS

It was agreed that a meeting be arranged with Transport Officers to which the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Waste be invited to discuss the Group's proposals for Commercial Road in more detail.

52. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting would be arranged in consultation with Transport Officers.

AGREED ACTIONS

- (a) Town Clerk to arrange a meeting with Transport Officers and invite the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Waste.

There being no further relevant business the meeting was declared closed at 3.40 p.m.

Chairman