

E&E Thursday 2nd November 2017

Draft mins.

1. Andrew Harley wanted it to be known that he had no objection in principle to the meeting being recorded.
2. Richard suggested that if it was to be videoed then some sort of service plan would have to be in place prior to acceptance. This was accepted with minor variations.
3. Item 9. Air quality. Statement from Jonathan Whittaker to be circulated. Concerns were voiced regarding the incinerator and air quality in particular around lack of on the ground monitoring. Meyrick was going to try to get an outside speaker to come and talk about the issue. Cllr Cook was going to ask GlosVain.
4. Cllr Brown pointed out Tidal Lagoon Power had been bought up at PMQs. Sadly no new light shed on whether or not it would get the green light.
5. Item 6. Wayne Best gave a presentation on 4 projects he was involved in concerning habitat and flood management. All were related and looked at river management in a holistic manner by allowing rivers to flood more naturally into area of POS and slowing the flow of brooks and streams as they came off the Cotswolds escarpment. There were significant habitat gains - some such as the European Structural Investment Fund (ESIF) biodiversity was the prime driver. Wayne passed round maps showing where some of the interventions were to take place. These were draft and were to give a flavour of what might happen as consultation had not yet occurred.
6. Wayne answered a number of questions - these confirmed that even though it is European money it was committed, that Westgate/Alney was not one of the schemes he was talking about and that a lot of work had been done since 2007. Wayne suggested he may be able to get a list of schemes together to circulate.
7. Item 7. Meyrick gave a brief synopsis of options for dealing with litter and low level environmental crime. There were a number of interventions available and they ranged from bringing outside contractors in to issue fixed penalty notices on people committing offences to encouraging community litter picks. All were being considered and it was likely that the City Council would produce a statement soon on how it was going to tackle the issue.
8. Suggestions included reducing the charge for bulky items. Having a round for bulky items once a month to being more proactive in terms marketing the options available to people.
9. Information exchange. Andrew Harley announced with sadness that the Kingsholm Tenants Group was being wound down. This was one of the oldest in the Country and had been active since the 50s.