



Stamford Vision Strategy Group
Minutes of the meeting 2nd July 2004

1. Present

John Plumb (Chairman), Srikanth Padmanabhan, Catherine Hammant, Don Lambert, Andrew Moore, David Nalson and Mike Sibthorp. Apologies were received from Robert Conboy, Colin Helstrip, Andrew Middleton and Graddon Rowlands.

2. Minutes from the previous meeting and matters arising

- It was agreed that Councillor John Smith should be sent the copies of the minutes direct by email.
- Market towns week: it seems that emda would like to continue with this next year with more towns across the region being involved.
- When considering future youth provision the new community policeman should be included.
- A date needs to be fixed for the next meeting with the town council at Newage.

3. Membership of Strategy Group

- SKDC representative: This has to be agreed by the full council and the next meeting is in September.
- Major employer vacancy: Andrew Moore has now taken over from Don Lambert as the President of the Chamber of Trade he therefore also takes over his position as Chamber representative on the Strategy Group. This means that there is a vacancy for the major employer representative and it was agreed that John Plumb make inquiries to fill this.
- The working groups all have representatives on the strategy group and in view of Andrew Moore's change of role it was agreed that a representative be sought from the business group. In addition the representative from the Marketing group needs to be clarified.
- Don Lambert was thanked for all his efforts since the start of Stamford Town Centre Management Partnership. He has always helped to bring the views of the townspeople firmly to the fore in all discussions.

4. Reports on the working groups

In addition to the paper previously circulated, updates were received where further working group meetings had taken place. In particular, support for Stamford in Bloom was discussed and the possibility of companies being encouraged to sponsor sections of the town.

5. Review and priority setting for the strategy group

The role and remit of the group was discussed, as well as how it relates to the working groups. It was agreed that a Milestones Paper would be produced which would develop a structure which the strategy group could use to set goals and objectives to deliver the next phase of Vision 2015. The overall focus remains as it is set out in that document, but in order to sharpen up delivery three themes were identified which would encompass much of the work in the future; planning, traffic, and the urban realm.

6. AOB

- An annual report will be produced over the summer. This will set out what has been achieved as well as future direction and give details of funding.

7. Date of the next meeting 17th September 2004 at Newage AVK SEG