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Date: Wednesday, 29 May 2019

**Committee:  
Shropshire's Great Outdoors Strategy Board**

**Date: Thursday, 6 June 2019**

**Time: 10.00 am**

**Venue: Ludlow Room, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6ND**

You are requested to attend the above meeting.  
The Agenda is attached

Claire Porter  
Head of Legal and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer)

**Members of Shropshire's Great Outdoors Strategy Board**

Alex Carson-Taylor (Chairman)	Cecilia Motley
Mark Weston (Vice Chairman)	Stewart Pickering
Peter Carr	Lezley Picton
Lee Chapman	Nigel Pocock
Sarah Faulkner	Ronald Repath
Ruby Hartshorne	Jack Tavernor
Chris Mansell	Andrew Wood

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# AGENDA

**1 Welcome, introductions and apologies for absence**

**2 Public Question Time**

To receive any questions, statements or petitions of which notice has been received from members of the public.

**3 Declaration of Interests**

Members are reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.

**4 Minutes of the last meeting (Pages 1 - 4)**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2019 are attached for confirmation

**5 Shropshire's Great Outdoors Strategy progress and action plan**

To receive a presentation from Interim Head of Culture and Heritage on progress against SGO Strategy and priorities for 2019/20

Members are asked to agree actions to be taken forward by SGO Strategy Board.

**6 Shropshire Cultural Strategy**

The Interim Head of Culture and Heritage will introduce a new working group to develop a Cultural Strategy for Shropshire.

Members are asked to agree the involvement of SGO Strategy Board.

## **7 Rural Economy Report- Rural Services Network**

The Rural Services Network has called for a new Rural Strategy:  
[https://rsnonline.org.uk/images/publications/rural-strategy-2019/rsn\\_rural\\_strategy\\_online.pdf](https://rsnonline.org.uk/images/publications/rural-strategy-2019/rsn_rural_strategy_online.pdf)

the Committee will receive an update on the response from Shropshire Council from the Interim Head of Culture and Heritage.

Members are asked to agree how the SGO Strategy Board should be involved.

## **8 General updates**

All members are asked to give a short update on key activities/ priorities/ issues

## **9 Other Items**

- Wild teams Update

## **10 Agenda items for future meetings**

Members are asked to discuss key priorities for future meetings.

## **11 Dates of Future Meetings**

To agree dates of future meetings

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## Committee and Date

Shropshire's Great Outdoors  
Strategy Board

6 June 2019 10.00am

## **SHROPSHIRE'S GREAT OUTDOORS STRATEGY BOARD**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2019**

**In the Oswestry Room, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2  
6ND**

**10.00 am - 12.04 pm**

**Responsible Officer:** Tim Ward

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### **Present**

Alex Carson-Taylor (Chairman) Mark Weston (Vice Chairman), Sarah Faulkner, Cecilia Motley, Lezley Picton, Nigel Pocock, Ronald Repath and Andrew Wood

### **61 Welcome, Introductions and Apologies for Absence**

61.1 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced Anne Suffolk from the Telford and Wrekin LAF and Karl Hounsell from WSP

61.2 Apologies for absence had been received from Stewart Pickering and Jack Tavernor

### **62 Public Question Time**

62.1 There were no questions from members of the public

### **63 Declarations of Interest**

63.1 There were no declarations of interest made.

### **64 Minutes of the last meeting**

64.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 25 October 2018 had been circulated.

RESOLVED: -

That the minutes of the meeting of the Shropshire's Great Outdoors Strategy Board held on 25 October 2015 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

It was agreed that Agenda item 7 would be taken next.

### **65 Ironbridge Power Station Site Development**

65.1 Anne Suffolk addressed the meeting and commented that there was an opportunity for leisure tourism in and around the **Page 4** site and that it was important that

this should be built into plans as they were developed. She added that she had attended a stakeholder meeting and that her suggestions had generally well received.

- 65.2 Chris Hill, Shropshire Council Economic Growth Team updated Members on the Council's aspirations for the site. He commented that there were many constraints on the site but that a mixed use for the site giving 1000 houses and creating 1500 jobs was proposed.
- 65.3 The Interim Head of Culture and Heritage commented that there was a need to stress the importance of leisure and tourism
- 65.4 Members agreed to support the content of the proposed letter to the developers

## 66 Biodiversity Net Gain Consultation

- 66.1 The Interim Head of Culture and Heritage updated the meeting on a consultation being carried out by DEFRA on proposals to see a net gain from planning and development.
- 66.2 A Member commented that the NFU had concerns regarding the proposals as there were lots of practical issues to be addressed.
- 66.3 A Member commented that the costs of the proposals should be kept to a minimum as the increased costs may make schemes unsustainable.
- 66.4 It was agreed that a copy of the Local Nature Partnerships response to the consultation should be circulated to Members and that any comments should be fed back to the Interim Head of Culture and Heritage

## 67 Local Transport Plan

- 67.1 Members received a presentation from Karl Hounsell (copy attached to the signed minutes) which updated them on progress with the Local Transport Plan (LTP) and the findings of the consultations carried out through an online questionnaire and a stakeholder engagement event. He also outlined the next steps in the process and advised that the LTP and associated documents should be finalised by February 2020
- 67.2 The Interim Head of Culture and Heritage advised the meeting that a new cycling and walking strategy was being developed as part of the LTP and that she would be setting up a working group to progress this.
- 67.3 A Member commented that walking and cycling routes should be made attractive for use at all times not just travel to and from work.
- 67.4 The Chair thanked Mr Hounsell for his presentation.

## **68 Green Infrastructure Planning**

- 66.1 The Interim Head of Culture and Heritage updated the meeting on proposals around green infrastructure planning.
- 66.2 The Interim Head of Culture and Heritage reminded Members that as part of the Local Plan review the Council was developing a green infrastructure mapping system that would enable green space need to be assessed on a wider catchment area rather than on individual development boundaries and that a programme of mapping and categorising open space had enabled a complete record of open space in Shropshire to be produced. She added that the mapping clearly showed the coverage and gaps in each settlement and the specific requirements or opportunities in particular locations.
- 66.3 A Member asked whether it would be possible to link gain from 2 or 3 developments. The Interim Head of Culture and Heritage stated that this may be difficult to enforce and that the right incentives would need to be in place to allow this to happen.
- 66.4 The Chairman thanked the Interim Head of Culture and Heritage for her update

## **69 Shropshire Hills AONB and the Glover report**

- 69.1 The Interim Head of Culture and Heritage reminded the meeting that The Glover Review of Protected Landscapes had arisen out of the 25-year Environment Plan and was looking at the future role of National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)
- 69.2 The Interim Head of Culture and Heritage advised that as part of the review Julian Glover had visited Shropshire and held meetings with stakeholders in the Shropshire Hills AONB and that these meetings had been very productive.
- 69.3 The Interim Head of Culture and Heritage commented that there was now a better working relationship between the AONB and Shropshire Council and that a lot of good work was taking place.
- 69.4 The Chair thanked the Interim Head of Culture and Heritage for her update

## **70 Local Plan Site Allocation Consultation**

- 70.1 The ROW Mapping & Enforcement Manager advised the meeting that the Outdoor Recreation Department had made a response to the Local Plan Site Allocation consultation.
- 70.2 The ROW Mapping & Enforcement Manager informed Members that the response had consisted of a number of general points and then comments regarding each proposal within the plan.

70.3 It was agreed that copies of the submission should be circulated to Memebrs.

**71 Rural Development and the Agriculture Bill**

71.1 The Chairman gave an update on progress with the Agriculture Bill. He advised that the bill had completed its Committee stage and would be coming back for third reading at a date to be confirmed.

71.2 The Chairman advised the meeting that it was proposed that payments would be made through the LEP and that it had been proposed that a Rural Board be created.

71.3 A Member commented that there was need to ensure that the LEP are aware of the needs of the rural areas, and that there was need for the development of a national "rural strategy".

71.4 The Chairman was thanked for his update

**72 Updates from Members**

72.1 There were no updates from Members

**73 Other Items**

73.1 Wild Teams

The Interim Head of Culture and Heritage advised that she was still trying to secure funding for the Wild Teams for the next financial year and asked Members to advise her of any potential source of funding.

The Interim Head of Culture and Heritage advised that a new Director of Public Health had been appointed and would commence work in April

73.2 The notes of the last meeting of the Shropshire Riding and Carriage Driving Forum were circulated for information

**74 Date of Next Meeting**

74.1 Members were reminded that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 6 June 2019 at 10.00am

Signed ..... (Chairman)

Date: .....