

MARKET AND COASTAL TOWNS INITIATIVE STEERING GROUP

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 23RD JUNE 2008 AT
7.00 P.M. IN SUITE 3, DYER HOUSE, 3 DYER STREET, CIRENCESTER**

PRESENT: Andrew Lichnowski - Chairman
William Cooper
David Fowles
Jane Gunner
Andrea Pellegram
Fran Embleton-Smith
Martin Portus
Sophie Cowdell - MCTA
Andrew Tubb – Cirencester Town Council

1.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Jan Gronow, Iain Butler and Dan Judges</p>
2.	<p>FEEDBACK FROM COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL CABINET PRESENTATION</p> <p>AL and AT provided an update on the presentation given to an informal meeting of Cotswold District Council's Cabinet and whilst there was some concern regarding the ambitiousness of the Plan and delivering all 16 projects within it was received positively and the opportunity to be able to make the presentation was both welcome and appreciated.</p> <p>The Wilts & Glos Standard had asked AT for a response to comments made by some Cabinet members about the deliverability of the Plan and a draft press release was tabled for consideration and with minor amendments was approved.</p> <p>Whilst it was noted that DF represented the Chamber of Commerce on the Steering Group he updated the Group on the discussion had by the Cabinet at its formal meeting.</p>

3.	<p>CONSULTATION FEEDBACK</p> <p>There had been no further responses to the consultation other than receiving formal confirmation of the feedback submitted by Cotswold District Council prior to consideration by its Cabinet; there were, therefore, no further changes necessary.</p>
4.	<p>COMMUNITY PLAN</p> <p>The Steering Group signed off the Plan for formal submission to the Regional Development Agency via Sophie Cowdell of the Market and Coastal Towns Association.</p>
5.	<p>OTHER MATTERS</p> <p>Other matters were discussed which had not been included on the Agenda including:</p> <p>(a) Rural Renaissance Bid - It was noted that the funding had to be matched by at least 50%, the bid was now being appraised and minor amendments made., Concern was expressed at the £25k matched funding. However, reassurance was given that most of this funding was either from within existing budgets/in kind.</p> <p>(b) Future Presentations - It was suggested that presentations should also be given to the Chamber of Commerce, Action Cirencester and the Cirencester Breakfast Club.</p>
6.	<p>DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS</p> <p>Monday 14th July 7pm Suite 3 Dyer House Monday 8th September 7pm Suite 3 Dyer House Monday 13th October 7pm Suite 3 Dyer House Monday 10th November 7pm Suite 3 Dyer House Monday 8th December 7pm Suite 3 Dyer House</p>

A Lichnowski
Chairman