

Minutes of the The Oldway Mansion and Grounds Steering Group (Working Party)

12 December 2023

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Councillor Adam Billings, Councillor Cat Johns, Councillor Barbara Lewis and Councillor Chris Lewis (Chairman)

(Also in attendance: David Blanchard, Iris Butler, Councillor Christine Carter, Councillor Darren Cowell, Alan Denby, Tim Eley, Emma Falconer, Louise Gilson, Kathy Hughes, Mary Jenkins, Councillor Swithin Long, Councillor David Thomas and Councillor Jacqueline Thomas)

370. Minutes

All agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10 October 2023 were an accurate record of the meeting.

371. Urgent items

The Working Party received a verbal update from David Blanchard on the recent inspection which took place and explained that for health and safety, the decision was taken to close the Café immediately.

372. Developing a Resilient future for Oldway

Cllr C Lewis read out the decision from Cabinet meeting held on 5 December as follows -

1. That the Cabinet receives the “Developing a resilient future for Oldway” masterplan and its supporting reports and expresses its thanks for the work of the Oldway Mansion and Grounds Working Party and the project team led by Katherine Findlay in the production of the masterplan.
2. That the Director of Pride in Place identifies and prepare bids for external grants, to address the conservation deficit at Oldway Mansion and its grounds.
3. That the Director of Pride in Place seek expressions of interest from investors and occupiers, to work with the Council to ascertain the extent to which the vision of the “Developing a resilient future for Oldway” masterplan can be achieved.
4. That, as a matter of urgency, the Director of Pride in Place in consultation with the Director of Finance, the Cabinet Member for Place Development and Economic Growth and Cabinet Member for Housing, Finance and

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Corporate Services identifies funding of circa £1M for an initial programme of repair and maintenance to ensure that the Mansion is wind and watertight.

The Working Party received a verbal update from Katherine Findlay.