

Project Title:

CWR - Walkabout

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Meeting Information

Date, Time & Location:

Friday 2 February 2018, 9am, CWR area

Attendees:

Cllr Caroline Horrill (Cllr CH)
Cllr Guy Ashton (Cllr GA)
Cllr Nicki Elks (Cllr NE)
Cllr Liz Hutchison (Cllr LH)
Cllr Richard Izard (Cllr RI)

Ian Charie (IC)
Veryan Lyons (VL)
Rachel Robinson (RR)

Apologies:

Cllr Rose Burns
Cllr Mike Read

Minutes from meeting

Suggestions for improvement

Broadway

Cllr LH flagged that the Broadway is poorly lit and suggested more lighting is put in place throughout. Cllr LH also commented on how quiet the Broadway can be on an evening, Cllr GA flagged that many of the bars and restaurants are very busy on an evening.

LH suggested that something could be done to encourage more people into this area. IC flagged that the extension of the market stalls as set out in the draft SPD will help with this.

Cllr NE flagged the narrowness of the pavement outside the bus station and suggested that this could be widened. IC explained that consideration has been given to this and the Projects Team will provide an update.

Cllr LH asked if something could be done to brighten up the area and asked for planting pots to be considered down the middle of the street.

Bus station

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Cllr CH explained that WCC are aware there is insufficient lighting in the bus station at present due to a fault with the underground cables that provide supply to the lighting above the bus station arch, adding that SSE were due to visit the site to investigate these issues but have been delayed. WCC officers are chasing to get the issue resolved as soon as possible.

Cllr NE asked if the back of the 'Winchester Bus Station' arch could be cleaned / painted, adding that it is quite unsightly as it is currently.

Cllr NE questioned why the newly added wall mounted canopy's had been added as individual canopy's for each bus bay as opposed to providing one longer canopy which would have covered the whole area. Adding that at present the canopies are unlikely to provide sufficient shelter from the rain. Cllr GA agreed with this.

Cllr LH questioned why mature trees had been planted and suggested potted planting would have been more suitable considering the improvements to the bus station are a short term solution until the bus station is relocated.

Cllr CH told the group about a scheme she had recently visited in London where by flexible workspaces had been created using small 'hut' style buildings and refreshments for these workspaces had been made available from a refurbished double decker bus. Adding that this could be a good meanwhile use for the largely unused area in the bus station, behind the old Friarsgate Medical Centre. Cllr LH and Cllr NE expressed an interest in this. Cllr NE suggested it would be a good idea to provide access to this area directly from the Broadway.

St Clements Doctors Surgery

Cllr LH suggested that by loosing the orange around the windows and introducing some new planting, the surgery could be improved in the immediate future, until the new surgery is built elsewhere.

Coitbury House

Cllr LH explained that in her view the building is not a bad building, the issue is more with the surroundings, adding that something could be done to improve this by adding some planting.

Friarsgate

Cllr NE suggested something could be done to make the grass area behind the wall along Friarsgate more visible from the road, adding that the wall itself is quite unsightly.

Antiques Market

Cllr CH explained that a new tenant will be going into the Antiques Market soon, it is taking a little longer than expected but they are a small company so longer timeframes need to be allowed for. All Cllrs in agreement that the decision to retain the Antiques Market is a good one.

Friarsgate Car Park

Cllr LH suggested planting could be added outside the car park, near the entrance to improve the area.

Kings Walk

Cllr LH flagged that there is nothing drawing you into the area as you arrive on Tanner Street / Silver Hill from the Broadway along Cross Keys Passage.

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CWR advertising

Cllr NE suggested a poster could go underneath the St Clements poster on the side of Coitbury House

Cllr LH suggested a community art feature could be provided on the side of Friarsgate Car Park (white wall)

Cllr GA suggested posters could go outside Kings Walk looking over Friargate Car Park and Tanner Street.