

TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE INITIATIVE
Monday, 3rd March, 2014

Present:- Councillor Smith (in the Chair); Councillors Dodson, Godfrey, McNeely and Pickering; also in attendance were Canon David Bliss (Rotherham Minster) and Mr. Peter Hawkrige (Rotherham Civic Society).

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Clark, Hussain and Wootton.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 4TH MARCH 2013

Consideration was given to the minutes of the previous meeting held on 4th March, 2013. The minutes were approved as a correct record.

2. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:- That, under Section 100(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (financial/business affairs).

3. TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE INITIATIVE GRANT

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Townscape Heritage Initiative Officer, detailing an application for a grant under the Rotherham Townscape Heritage Initiative Scheme, for improvements to a retail premises at High Street, Rotherham.

The award of grant funding would enable the building to be repaired and made safe. In addition, the building's architectural features would be reinstated so that it could both be returned to a useable condition and become an historical asset to the Rotherham town centre.

Members viewed drawings and plans of the proposed improvements to this building.

Discussion took place on the benefits to the Rotherham town centre from the improvements being made to the appearance and structure of various buildings at High Street and the investment was welcomed.

Members noted that the Townscape Heritage Initiative, a scheme which has lasted seven years, will end in September 2014. However, there is the possibility of a second phase of the Initiative beginning in 2015, with Heritage Lottery funding. Discussion took place on the general appearance of properties in and around the Rotherham town centre.

Resolved:- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.

(2) That the grant application for the building situated at High Street,

within the Rotherham town centre, as now submitted, be approved and the grant awarded in accordance with the amounts and details contained in the report.