

TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE INITIATIVE
Monday, 7th April, 2014

Present:- Councillor Smith (in the Chair); Councillors Clark, Dodson, Godfrey, McNeely, Rushforth and Wootton; together with Mr. P. Hawkridge (Rotherham Civic Society).

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hussain and Pickering.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 3RD MARCH, 2014

Consideration was given to the minutes of the previous meeting held on 3rd March, 2014. The minutes were approved as a correct record.

5. 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 items of business on the grounds that they involve 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).

6. TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE INITIATIVE GRANT

Further to Minute No. 4 of the meeting held on 29th October, 2012, Members considered an application for a grant under the Rotherham Townscape Heritage Initiative Scheme, for improvements to the Three Cranes building, a Listed Grade II* property 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 noted the probable future use of the building.

Members viewed drawings and plans of the proposed improvements to this building, as presented by the project's Architect.

Reference to this scheme had previously been made in a report to Cabinet (Minute No. 135 of the meeting held on 27th November 2013 refers).

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. Reference was also made to the proposed public realm improvements scheduled to be made to High Street.

Resolved:- That the grant application for the Three Cranes 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 now reported.

7. TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE INITIATIVE - AMENDED GRANT

Further to Minute No. 3 of the previous meeting held on 3rd March, 2014, Members reconsidered the award of grant under the Rotherham Townscape Heritage Initiative Scheme, for improvements to a retail premises at High Street, Rotherham.

The award of additional 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.

Resolved:- That the grant application for the building situated at High Street, within the Rotherham town centre, as now submitted, be approved and the additional grant awarded in accordance with the amounts and details now reported.