

Wem Town Council Vision Session held 4.11.21 Notes

Town Council Priorities for the Council Term as identified by workshops

1. Engage more effectively with hard to reach groups particularly 18 -30 year olds and develop services and facilities to meet community needs.

Projects

- Consider holding quarterly informal open meetings to discuss current issues.
- Engage with the community by attending key events/activities.
- Make Town Council more accessible to residents by securing a permanent base for the Town Council in the town.

2. Improve the Town's Green offer

Projects

- Work in partnership with interested groups to secure the Millfields as informal recreation space for residents.
- Work in partnership to promote and create cycleways and footpaths in and around the town.
- Engage in tree planting projects e.g. Develop Queens canopy.
- Wherever possible invest and promote green technologies on Council owned facilities.

3. Ensure that future housing development meets the needs of the local community

Projects

- Investigate whether a Housing Needs Survey would be suitable for the town.
- Ensure place plan priorities continue to be relevant and reviewed.
- Apply for CIL Local Funding when the need arises.

4. Take a holistic approach to the regeneration of some the town's aging infrastructure

Projects

- Ensure consultation takes place to identify the needs of residents.
- Campaign and develop projects to improve the appearance of Wem Town Centre.
- Work in partnership with local organisations to develop festivals/events (drama, music food) to boost local economy.
- Work with Wem Town Hall to develop street fairs/markets to increase the vibrancy of the town centre.
- Work in partnership with key groups and organisations e.g Wem Economic Forum, Wem Sports and Social Association, WSLC, Wem Scout and Guide HQ to develop and improve leisure facilities at Bowensfield.
- Continue to Campaign to improve the Towns highways network e.g. Maunds Corner.

Recommendation

To select a small working group to shape the four priorities as identified and develop an action plan from the projects to be presented to a future meeting.