

Progress of the Ilminster Forum and Community Plan 20 August 2008

Reference was made to the agenda report (See Area West Forum Report 20 Aug 08), which updated members about the work of the Ilminster Forum and on the progress of the projects in the Community Plan for Ilminster and surrounding area.

The Committee welcomed Carol Goodall, Chairman of the Ilminster Forum, to the meeting who indicated that she would answer any questions that members may have with regard to the work of the Forum.

A member referred to potential problems that could occur with ongoing financing of swimming pool projects and queried whether there was still a strong wish for a pool in Ilminster. Carol Goodall clarified that Ilminster residents had made clear their desire for a swimming pool in Ilminster in a survey and the Ilminster Forum had said that they would undertake a feasibility study to ascertain whether that would be viable. The Forum had not said that a swimming pool would necessarily be provided.

Carol Goodall mentioned that the Forum were operating with funding that had been allocated by the District Council in 2005. She indicated that unlike other towns in the area, Ilminster had not had funding from the Market and Coastal Towns Initiative. She indicated that the Forum operated through volunteers and hoped that further funding may be made available from the District Council in the future.

The Committee noted the comments made. The Committee noted the continuing work of the Ilminster Forum and the progress being made with the projects in the Community Plan. NOTED

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