

Agenda Item.17 – To consider reschedule of Full Town Council Planning Meetings 2018

I have reviewed members comments on this proposal and put forward my reasoning for change.

1. It has been noticeable, reviewing previous minutes, that the current FTC Planning Committee has a lower attendance record than other committees with a more reduced membership? Is this down to the start time of 6.15pm or the fact it is followed by P & R or Staffing? When I joined STC in 2013, planning started at 7pm and due to Staffing/P & R following we could and were regularly in committee until 10pm onwards.
2. I am more than mindful of the working members (I retired in 2017) and the difficulty in attending meetings from work, and I believe we are ready for change in line with committee restructuring.

My proposal to have Planning on a separate night will improve the debating time and allow members to go home prior to attending meetings which should not go over the 2-hour maximum time recommended.

So, if the consensus is not the 3rd Thursday of the month what about the 2nd Tuesday of the month?

The restructuring and day change proposal will in my view lead to greater member participation, reducing time at day sub committee meetings, be more democratic, assist in admin support and planning and above all better decision making.