

# AIREBOROUGH NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT FORUM

Designing A Thriving Place

## Aireborough Neighbourhood Development Forum Neighbourhood Plan Team Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at the Station Hotel

### Minutes

Present: Jennifer Kirkby (Chair) Lynda Kitching (Minutes) Roger Davis, Roger Halliwell, Hilda Scattergood, Clive Woods, David Bowe, Frank De La Corte, Charlotte Hunter, Briony Sloan, Phil Dawson, Joan Roberts

1. Apologies were received from Darren Sanderson, Cllr Graham Latty, Malcolm Townsend, Richard Webster, Liz Kirkpatrick, Colin Harding, Judith Harding, Roger Hawkins, Brian Broughton, Paddie Breeze, Peter Bentley (holiday time of year resulted in so many apologies and non-apologies) Members are asked to let the organizers know if they cannot come to a meeting.
2. Minutes of previous Neighbourhood Team meeting were accepted as correct; there were no Matters Arising

### 3. Reports on Community Engagement

- a) Pop-Ups - ANDF represented at Street Party for the Queen and Tales Told Festival. Further ideas for help/venues were Guiseley Carnival 26/6, Yeadon Carnival 9/7, Rawdon 16/7. Purpose is to fundraise and continue to raise awareness. RW will check with organisers. JR to let RW have contact for Guiseley Carnival.
- b) ANDF Neighbourhood Plan Team reformed to deepen community involvement as we start taking decisions from the evidence base on policies. LK has worked hard through April and May with the membership base to establish who wants to be part of the NP Team and who wants to be involved more informally.
- c) AGM will be Wed 21<sup>st</sup> September to ensure widest participation– RW to check that Guiseley Methodist is available.
- d) NP Team have requested a logo to be symbolic to Aireborough. BS presented some options – heart-shaped design with an A voted for. BS was thanked for her work.

### 4. Development of the Programme Plan

- a) **Landscape Value Project** –findings from the team's work is now being written up by Tom Lonsdale. There will be recommendations which we can turn into policies.
- b) **Ecology Project** – in Liz K's absence, JK explained 17 areas undergoing phase 2 survey via a team of experienced volunteers including Leeds University Master's students, between May-Aug. Richard Wilson, consultant, will then put report together on areas for conservation and habitat networks, providing evidence which can be incorporated into the policies of the NPlan. Funds are needed to finish the work (see below).

- c) **Housing Needs and Sites** (FLC) responses from across Aireborough, now passed to Pete Shepherd for analysis. Early indications that results similar to LCC's 2014 report. Results will be used towards NPlan policies. Report on file.  
Newcastle University post-grad student looking at housing design for 3 sites; current proposals need more work – FLC to chase. Discussion had on the need to look at design for sites that may be sustainable, and also the need to build relationships with potential developers as ANDF had been doing.
- d) JK explained that the **Urban Character Assessment** which has been recommended by a number of professional planners and agreed to by the NP Team, Cllrs and MPs, is having government NP funding blocked by DCLG and LCC, as they don't think it is necessary evidence; although no discussion has been had with ANDF. As Government guidance is clear that the NP is the Community's plan, it was agreed by the NP Team that as the study will provide vital evidence for our Plan's policies, and this has been verified by several professional in the last week, that we will raise our own funds for it. Consider Uni of Leeds Masters students perhaps, any ideas to JK.
- e) **Silverdale Allotments** – the Barton Willmore consultation well attended, main concerns being access, the increase in traffic on Silverdale Avenue, and flooding, many responses resulted. RG and SAG are checking a number of points re the allotments, and Newcastle University Masters Student with RTPi is looking at possible designs if the site is sustainable. The design will be the subject of a community vision workshop when it is received. A Local Green Space application was sent with the SAP response in November as advised, – however at a meeting with Ian MacKay on 3<sup>rd</sup> May he said he not seen it – so it has been sent again with a request to Ian M to outline how it should be progressed. (Subsequent to the meeting RG found his copy of proof that the LGS application has been sent to Forward Planning by recorded delivery and had been received.) The ANDF has not had an approach by Barton Willmore for any kind of input to their planning application, and this has been commented on by residents. It was agreed that LK will draft letter to Barton Willmore suggesting a pre-app meeting to discuss the sustainability evidence of the site, and the possible design, as well as the NP in general.
- f) **The Wells** – 'pocket park'. Next meeting deferred to 28/6. BS outlined proposed artwork for the side of old mill building which reflects Guiseley's history around the Wells – it was agreed to find the funding for it. BS will obtain costings for a mosaic.

## 5. Housing Targets and NP support from LCC.

JK reported on a meeting 23/5 at the Civic Hall between reps from Horsforth, Rawdon, Scholes and Aireborough, tasked with NPlanning, Tim Hill, Chief planning officer, Councillor Richard Lewis, Tom Riordan, LCC's Chief Exec., Stuart Andrew MP and Greg Mulholland MP. The discussion was on the issues caused in the City and to NP groups of the high housing targets and when there would be a review. TH said there'd be no review of the 70k prior to the SAP being passed, then went on to criticise ANDF for not progressing our Plan, and asking for funds to produce evidence **he thinks** we don't need. Greg M. Subsequently took up the lack of support for the ANDF from Leeds with a Parliamentary question – we understand LCC are preparing a response. Stuart A to see Greg Clarke the Housing Minister re funding being blocked by DCLG with no discussion with the ANDF. AECOM have recently written offering to talk with the ANDF about the programme plan and offer further advice to that given already. ANDF to take up AECOM offer with a relevant terms of agreement for the work.

## 6. Treasurer's Report and NP Crowdfunding

JR handed round copies of the accounts to date (on file). A discussion then took place on the money needed to complete the NP, JK estimated we will need approximately £20 -25k for professional services, and reports but is obtaining quotes. It was agreed to 'crowdfund' the money.

Discussion had on who could help and how to run the campaign. It was agreed to have a Summer crowdfunding campaign, we will also use this to launch our new logo – the heart of Aireborough. Various people to talk with contacts to find a funding manager.

7. Any Other Business – there was none

8. Dates next meetings -

Neighbourhood Plan Team Wed 7 Sept at Station Hotel

AGM Wed21 Sept at Guiseley Methodist – RW to book rooms.