

NEIGHBOURHOOD

DEVELOPMENT FORUM

Action Minutes of Management Board meeting 18th March 2015
Held in the Station Hotel, Guiseley

Present: Jennifer Kirkby (Chair), Nigel Wilson, Joan Roberts, Frank Le Corte, Richard Webster, Steve Howarth, Clive Woods, David Ingham, Lynda Kitching (Minutes), Christine Schofield, Graham Latty.

In attendance: Bryony Spandler (Aireborough Distinctiveness Project), Kay Easton (Friends of Engine Fields)

1. Apologies for Absence: Liz Kirkpatrick, Alec Denton

2. Minutes of last meeting on 21/1 were accepted as correct.

3. Presentation regarding new Aldi store in Yeadon.

The development team comprised:

Mark Taylor, Property Director, Aldi, Claire Temple, Planning Consultants, Chris Smith, highways consultant, Jon Bunney, architect, Louise Hartley, The Harris Partnership.

A plan of the proposed build was handed out and discussed

Mark confirmed that Aldi is keen to be part of the community and he will consider these points.

There had been flyers posted to local residents and a public consultation meeting on 19th Nov, at St Andrew's Haw Lane. Many of the questions and concerns raised there were the same as ours.

In discussions after the Aldi party had left, it was felt that, overall the development would be a good thing, but traffic would still be a major concern. We were quite late in being consulted.

Lynda will compose letter of thanks to go to Mark with Board's questions and suggestions.

4. Matters arising 21/1 meeting

4.1 Further to Jennifer's letter (in draft at our last meeting), Greg Mulholland MP had written to Brandon Lewis, Planning Minister, to confirm aspects of the Council's duties to work with communities. BL wrote back saying the Council should have a Statement of

Community Involvement (SCI) - it does but it's dated 2007, so makes no mention of Localism Act 2011 or 2012 NPPF!

Jennifer, Liz and Lynda will meet on 16th April 10am, Civic Hall, with David Feeney, lead officer for Neighbourhood Planning and Graham Latty. Discussion will be about the Council and Forum working together on site allocations and the NDP.

Also, Stuart Andrew tabled a question in the House of Commons regarding support for communities for Neighbourhood Planning. BL has agreed to meet with us at H's Parliament. SA will suggest dates. Board members to advise Jennifer if wishing to go. (Post-meeting update - due to time constraints SA met with BL on Tuesday 24 March, JK sent notes of the issues regarding collaboration between Forum and LC Council.)

4.2 Jennifer secured sustainability assessments for each of Aireborough's site allocations. And there is now a group of people local to each, who will prepare a report similar to that done for Rawdon Billing by Bryony's team, so that the Forum has a professional-looking report ready for the public consultation and Inspector.

4.3 Nigel reported that the consultation has now closed for the proposed Nether Yeadon conservation area.

5. Aireborough Festival

Liz, Richard and Jennifer had met to assess success (or not!) of the Festival and discuss feedback. It was felt that generally, the objectives had been achieved: more residents knew about the Forum, and much information had been gathered; funds had been raised to cover a number of the costs (detailed in balance sheet). Overall, encouraging, but there's 'a way to go'.

Specifically:-

An Urban Room had been trialled, showing that events linked with the Neighbourhood Plan exhibition clearly worked. People who came to the event were interested in the past and the present and want to know what is going on. However, thinking about the future and what could and should change, as well as looking at possibilities, is something that attracts specialists with some knowledge, rather than generalists - which perhaps demonstrates that this need is best filled via invitation and workshop events.

Reasonable relationships had been made with developers who welcomed the chance to talk with the public.

A chart of where people came from allowed us to gauge that 55% of people were from the Guiseley/Haworth area, 35% from Yeadon, 9% from Rawdon with a smattering from other places e.g. Otley. There was a poor response from High Royds. Approx 700 visits had been made to the events, with many coming to more than one. Fionnuala's questionnaire showed that those who came tended to be segments of residents who already have a 'sense of or desire for community and civic responsibility'. Still a lot more to do with those who are time pressured, new to the area, or do not have a particular sense of 'place'.

More people had signed up to the website, Facebook and Twitter and were responding. Had received praise for the event from DCLG.

Incredible Edible was a successful evening at the Station - an Aireborough IE group has now been set up by Becky Myers, who is working with the landlord of the Station on creating a veg display for the monthly Farmers Markets - the landlord is helping by building raised beds.

The housing questionnaire has provided useful information. Frank is working with Charlotte (Beckett Uni student) to analyse data, setting up a spreadsheet.

Christine expressed disappointment over the Green Infrastructure Audit, since only 2 replies have been received. She handed out copies and urged us to complete one (if returning by post, send to 17 Marshall Street, Yeadon LS19 7XN).

The walks had been well-received and it seems likely that a 'Local Distinctiveness' workshop is needed. As a follow on, some events could be included in Heritage Open Days in September.

As a follow up, Jennifer posed the question about having a pop-up Urban Room, to take around our NP areas. Everyone, felt it to be a good idea, to experiment before taking on the cost of a permanent home, but the aim should be for the latter. Richard will lead on this with help from Bryony and Fionnuala (Beckett University student).

With the 2 other student placements, Antonia was working with Lynda and Clive on Assets of Community Value and Elliott with Christine on Greenspace (although waiting for survey results)

Thanks were expressed again to all volunteers but especially Jennifer, Richard and above all, Liz for setting it up and working so hard to carry it through.

6. Treasurer's report

Joan handed out a 'Funding Report' plus income/expenditure and balance sheets up to 31st March (end of Forum's year) all on file. She thanked all who had donated and stressed importance of Local Giving (so far £278.30 with £50 in gift aid to come) and to encourage our contacts to donate. Several funding applications are in progress and Joan is pursuing more funding streams which we may be eligible to apply for. Jennifer and Joan to meet to work on the Locality Neighbourhood Planning Application, as we may be eligible for consultancy support and the £8,000 grant, plus £6,000 for being a large area.

7. Bradford's Core Strategy

Jennifer attended 3 hearings during Bradford's Core Strategy Inspection of 3 weeks duration, to speak on behalf of Menston (Alan Elsegood) and the Forum. Issues for Aireborough: Aireborough is designated as a major settlement as is Otley and Ilkley, the villages of Menston and Burley have been designated as growth centres; meaning that housing will be built in our area for more than local need. Bradford want to build 2,300 in Wharfedale, Leeds want to build 1,328 in Otley, Aireborough 2,366 making 6000 houses between Addingham and Rawdon. This is likely to cause complete overload on the infrastructure, the A65, and the character of the area. Jennifer had raised these issues at the hearings and asked the Inspector to examine the Duty to Co-operate between Leeds and Bradford. Jennifer will also write to MP's for Pudsey, Shipley, Ilkley area and North West Leeds to advise what happening and asking for their advice and comments on what can be done.

8. Notice of meetings

Sat 28th March, WARD's 'Planning & Localism: is it working?' Clarke Foley Centre, Ilkley 1-4pm

Sun 12th April, Rawdon Greenbelt Action Group urge 'March for Greenbelt' starting at Jubilee Hall Rawdon 1pm.

Menston & Guiseley Greenbelt Protection Group and WARD are planning a prominent green line across the A65 between Guiseley & Menston.

9. Annual General Meeting

Date needed soon so that as many Board members as possible can attend. Liz to propose dates. Must be done within 3 months of the year end (31st March)

10. Any Other Business

Clive informed meeting that

- i) The 757 bus is now a 24hour service to the airport. First Bus are taking off X33, improving 33 and 33A services (back to 2007!)
- ii) Studies are being done by WY Combined Authority between Rawdon Crem. and the airport. **Clive suggested Gary Bartlett, Head of Highways be invited to speak to us regarding the area's infrastructure, so including airport links and buses.**
- iii) He plans to attend Plans Panel meeting when Councillors discuss Naylor Jennings and The Regent.

11. DoNM

Wed 15th April 2015, 7.15pm at the Station Hotel.

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