

NEIGHBOURHOOD

DEVELOPMENT FORUM

Action Minutes of Management Board Meeting, held on Wednesday 19th November 2014 at the Station Hotel Guiseley.

Present : Jennifer Kirkby, Steve Howarth, Richard Webster, Nigel Wilson, Lynda Kitching, Chris Manson, Liz Kirkpatrick, Joan Roberts, Frank la Corte, Clive Woods, Ryk Downes and Christine Schofield

Apologies: Alec Denton, Ian Dawes, David Ingham, and Graham Latty

The Chair, Jennifer Kirkby opened the meeting at 7.15 and introduced Richard Askham, planning consultant and John Gill who has bought one of the fields off Ings Lane with a view to building about 90 houses.

1. Ings Lane presentation and questions

Richard Askham presented thoughts on the Ings Lane site. And there followed a discussion. JG and RA were then thanked for coming to present their plans to the Forum, and assured that they would be considered a 'stakeholder' with the neighbourhood forum and the neighbourhood plan as it progressed, and left the meeting.

Action: Write to RA and JG summarising our comments.

As David Wilson Homes have also asked to talk to us about their plans it was thought that we should encourage discussion with developers so that we are better informed with regard to site allocations

JK then updated the Management Board with a letter from Brandon Lewis MP stating that green belt was only to be built on in exceptional circumstances, and the same went for a change its boundary. This assurance followed a meeting the ANDF had with the Minister along with other communities groups. JK also confirmed that the LDF had been passed by Leeds, but there had been division over the housing target. The controlling Labour group had all voted not to have an early review of the housing target in line with updated population statistics, whilst all the opposition parties had voted to have the review. Thereafter the controlling Labour group all voted for the LDF, all the opposition parties abstained; the opposition parties agreed the City needed an LDF, but did not agree with the

housing target because of the detrimental effect on regeneration and green belt. The next stage of the process is the site allocations consultation in the early new year.

2. Watson Batty update

JK has an appointment with WB to "map" all the evidence from the topic groups.

WB also need a list of civic assets.

CW was asked if with his links to the Civic Society, he could catalogue heritage assets, amenity land such as the land beside the scout hut in Guiseley, listed buildings, in fact any civic asset that if it were lost would be detrimental to the community.

CW asked that if anyone came across an example which has already been done in another area to let him know.

3. Updates on projects by the topic group leaders

i. Green Space Audit

CS informed us that the greenspace group had met and begun to organise a greenspace audit of green infrastructure including parks, pathways, ginnels and green corridors where wildlife can migrate.

A proforma tick list will be used and volunteers sought.

Action: **CS to create tick sheet. EK to make database of volunteers via email, website and Facebook.**

ii. Economy

The Economy group, led by Ian Dawes are putting a team of local business people together for an audit, and also doing their terms of reference. .

iii. Infrastructure and Housing - including updated re SHLAA

The schools are extending rather than a new one being built. When the site allocation DPD comes out there will then be a consultation. We are going to do a housing needs survey, also an omnibus study for other infrastructure needs, as the Inspector will want to see quantitative data used as evidence. It will include housing, and economic quantitative views, which should give a representation of the area. It could possibly include community assets. This is very much in the planning stage, but it is hoped to roll it out in the next two months. Frank is keeping his infrastructure document constantly altered as things develop.

iv. Nether Yeadon Conservation

The Conservation Area consultation is hopefully starting shortly. A meeting was held with Councillor Wadsworth at the Conservation Department. The proposed conservation area has been constrained by quite a lot because of two potential site allocations. The sites are green belt and so exceptional circumstances are required to build, but any proposed houses should reflect the style and characteristics of the area.

v. Urban Room

After much thought it had been decided to have a pop up urban room to see how things went in the form of a "festival of Aireborough" to be held mid February. This will coincide with Guiseley Theatre's Open Day. As such it can share publicity in the form of leaflets/invitations and delivery. We are following Blackburn's model who had an intensive pop up with activities, films, talks, local arts and information about localism. We could link it to history, the present and what might happen in the future. The idea is to make it have a festival atmosphere with the emphasis on fun. Ideas were sought from the board, resulting in these thoughts: poetry by community, photographs and memories, painting competition, tombola type stalls and refreshments. We hope to engage local businesses, community organisations and speakers about localism.

vi. Branding Aireborough

JK is in the process of having a video made to celebrate Aireborough, including the story of what people have achieved in the area. Funding is being sought from the Airport.

vii. Poynton

Six members travelled to Poynton to examine an early example of a community project of shared space. They spoke to the councillor who had spearheaded this. Also accompanying them were 2 Highways engineers from LCC who were looking for a project of shared space. They viewed videos of before, during and after the work. The shared area has a speed limit of 20mph with roundels and different road surfaces. There are no pavements and there have been no accidents since its completion. In the main the residents, although reticent in the beginning, all think that it is a good thing. A traffic report by Stockley surveyed the road between White Cross and Kirk Lane and concluded it could benefit from a shared space strategy to try to create a centre for Guiseley, not a divided town as it is.. The opinions of the attendees are still being sought.

Hamilton-Baillie Associates Ltd, who have specialist knowledge and experience of innovative solutions for reconciling traffic movement with quality public spaces in cities, towns and villages are being consulted for a feasibility study. And Civic Engineers have offered to do concept drawings initiated. Karen Horwood is liaising with both.

Small improvements could be made to Yeadon town centre, such as signage, to make people aware of the traffic calming.

4. Forum response to Guiseley Town Council

After discussion of the positive and negative aspects of the proposed Town Council. JK is contact members for their views, and then write a response back to Leeds

AOB

CW announced that the Aireborough Civic Society was meeting on Thursday 27th November at Rawdon Library with a talk on dentistry.

The bandstand at Yeadon Dam is under used. If any musical groups wanted to use it they could.

JR stressed the need for raising funds. She reminded us again of the process of local giving. We will need funds for the urban room opening and the research work. In general we need a specific project to apply for funding such as the shared space. Cllr Downes said the ANDF could apply to the Otley and Yeadon Cllrs for Mice Money for a specific reason.

On the subject of developers, Aldi expressed a desire to speak to us in the light of their proposed new store on the site of Homebase in Yeadon. They hope to have it built by 2016

The meeting was closed at 10.05