

# AIREBOROUGH NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT FORUM



Minutes for Neighbourhood Planning Team meeting

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Held at the Station Hotel Guiseley

## 1. Present

R. Halliwell, David Bowe, Roger Hawkins, Paul Kennedy, Liz Kirkpatrick, Richard Webster, Frank la Corte, Clive Woods, Roger Davis, Maureen Davis, Brian Broughton, Colin Campbell and Lynda Kitching who chaired the meeting.

Apologies

Maureen Cooper, Peter Barker, Stuart Andrew, Peter Kirkby and Jennifer Kirkby.

## 2. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

2.1 The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true representation of proceedings.

2.2 CW was looking into transport policy which is ongoing. He reported that none of the money that Leeds has earmarked for transport improvements seems to be coming our way except for a park and ride for the Airport.

He added that at the Apperley Bridge rail station all the parking spaces are full and the once half hourly bus service which passes that way has been reduced to hourly.

A large chunk of the money will be spent on "improving" roundabouts in the same way as the Horsforth roundabout has been "improved"

2.3 P Dawson was looking at air pollution along our roads but he did not attend this meeting.

CC suggested that one of our policy proposals for the NP should be to have prospective developers explain how they would mitigate further pollution near their site from increased traffic.

2.4 April may bring some answers as to how the 175 million pounds will be spent on transport improvements when the council will meet to discuss this.

### 3. Our Focus

The focus of the NF is as follows

- To have all the evidence from the studies in ecology, landscape character and urban character analysed and written up by the end of the summer. All are well on their way.
- Take our draft policy proposals forward to a finalised form (see item 7).

### 4. Treasurers Report

Our previous treasurer, Ken Gillow had unfortunately to give up the post due to ill health. In the meantime Peter Kirkby has stepped into the post until a replacement can be found. At the last steering group meeting it was agreed that PK could have access to the ANDF bank account online to better facilitate the management of funds and payment of fees.

The treasurer's report is attached.

When the urban study professional has been paid in full we will have to raise more funds for the ongoing expenses of the Forum.

It was noted that The Station and St Oswald's Church let us have the use of their rooms free for our meetings, for which we are very grateful.

### 5. A short update by FIC on the Strategic Housing Market Assessment being undertaken by LCC.

LCC held a meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> February to inform councillors and other parties of the new SHMA that is being undertaken. FIC was at this meeting.

In order to collect evidence to find out what type of houses are needed in specific areas LCC will be sending out 27,000 questionnaires and expect 15,000 back which seems an optimistic number. (The questionnaire will be much like the one we circulated last year) They will target different areas to keep the results balanced.

Two firms will be responsible for undertaking the SHMA and will come up with 5 scenarios for the council to consider.

The last time a SHMA was undertaken LCC came up with their aspirational target of 70,000 houses.

CC explained that this included a review of the methodology used in the last SHMA when we assumed that the assessment would be lower than 70K.

RH pointed out that he thought we should be realistic in our housing need given that the population of the country was escalating at an alarming rate.

CW explained that Leeds had the lowest increase in population of the largest cities in Britain and the housing figure should reflect this.

## **6. Pre Submission Changes to the Site Allocation Plan**

LK explained that the consultation this time was only on the changes made to the last consultation plan in 2015, however there was confusion as to whether comments could be made on the whole site where changes had been made or only on the changes made to the site.

Changes to the sites were discussed and comments made by a variety of people. The Forum will be submitting a response on all of the sites in Aireborough which have had changes, based on the evidence gathered for the Neighbourhood Plan..

It was added that The Housing Minister was visiting the area shortly, Greg Mulholland was instigating a Private Members Bill regarding Community Voice on Planning and that the Bradford Plan had been had been released.

## **7. ANDF Policy Proposals**

Our NP contact at LCC had given us some help with our policy proposals resulting in a draft document.

The PP draft on housing was distributed and discussed.

CC pointed out that Otley's NP was including a policy to protect employment sites which might be worth pursuing. Also that the cumulative effect of traffic from housing sites be surveyed for a wider area. He also suggested that their SUDS policy proposal might be worth looking at.

The meeting was closed at 9.00

The next meeting is on 17<sup>th</sup> May.

In conversation it was reported that the HSBC bank building in Guiseley was to become a bar restaurant from The Potting Shed chain.