

GAINSBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP held at Richmond House, Morton Terrace, Gainsborough on Monday 22 July 2019 at 5.00pm

Present:
Councillor Keith Panter (Ex Officio)
Councillor James Ward
Sheila Bibb
Barry Coward
Claire Hill
Michael Hopper
Chair NNLCRP
Town Clerk

In Attendance:
Neville Brown
Elaine Poon
West Lindsey District Council
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The previous Chair, Michael Hopper, welcomed all to the meeting and introductions were made to those new to the Group.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Matthew Gleadell

2. GROUP MEMBERSHIP AND CHAIR

Nominations were invited.

RESOLVED that Michael Hopper be appointed Chair of the group.

Members discussed the wider Membership and noted no further action at this stage, it was felt that the District Council was adequately represented by the existing membership and WLDC officer attendance.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Paper A)

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and progress against actions noted.

RESOLVED that Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 December 2018 be confirmed as a true record of the meeting.

4. ACTIVITY SINCE PREVIOUS MEETING

SEA screening opinion

Members noted the final report produced by AECOM and the recommendation that further screening is not required.

Draft NHP

Michael Hopper detailed the work and external research that had shaped the revised Town Centre section of the report alongside the community consultation previously undertaken. The group agreed that the full report should be appended to the draft plan and a briefer narrative built into the plan itself.

Elaine Poon gave an update to the meeting on the unsuccessful bid to the Future High Street Fund, developments in relation to the Lindsey Centre and works by WLDC to explore improvements to seating and street furniture within the market square.

Green Infrastructure Study

Elaine Poon advised that the final version was now being completed – she noted that since the draft was circulated further detail has been added in relation to the Gainsborough gateway area and determining cost / benefit ratio of the suggested projects. It was agreed that once released the final report would be forwarded to the Clerk for wider circulation to the group.

Corringham NHP

Members noted the correspondence. The Clerk advised that the same notification had been received in relation to Morton.

5. ACTIONS

Finalise draft plan

Clerk to draft narrative additions to the draft following completion of the Town Centre report and share with Michael Hopper for review.

Consultation

The group agreed that for the survey activity policies should be grouped together under the common aims of the plan rather than questions based on individual policies.

Timelines

The group reviewed the revised timeline and Nev Brown advised that the suggested referendum timing was tight given regulation 16 activities and that it was likely that this would move from the suggested March 2020.

6. AOB

An acknowledgement of thanks was made to Michael Hopper in relation to the town centre report and he was complimented on the breadth of the research supporting the report.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be an informal working session to start shaping consultation activities and the Clerk would circulate suggested policy groupings for the group's consideration ahead of the meeting.

The meeting closed at 6.40pm.