

# BECCLES AND PARISHES NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN OPERATIONAL GROUP MEETING

## **Notes from Meeting**

Monday 27 February 2017

10am

Beccles Library

## **Present:**

Elfrede Brambley-Crawshaw, Beccles Town Council

Richard Stubbings, Beccles Town Council

Graham Elliott, Beccles Town Council

Andrea Downes, Beccles Town Council

Bob Aris, Beccles Society

Heather Sexton

Josie Horne

David Goldstone

Jula Janney

Catherine Roberts

Graham Catchpole

Paul Fletcher

Penny Flier

Joyce Hubbard

Roger Daniells

## **Apologies**

Chris Scott

John Sayer

Hugh Taylor

Jo McCullum

It was confirmed that Jula Janney could no longer be an Operational Group Committee member as she has been elected to Beccles Town Council and the Operational Group can only have four Town Councillors and must have a majority of non-Councillors

## **Minutes of meeting held on 9 January 2017**

One change was agreed ...

Change "*Bob Aris stated that it would be better to plan for all the development for Beccles with a single masterplan that included all the required infrastructure.*" to

*"Bob Aris stated that it would be better to plan the Larkfleet development with a single master plan that included all the required infrastructure."*

It was agreed that minutes should be circulated to all those coming to meetings and not just committee members.

## **Item 3**

The consultation results including the comments collected at the doctors surgery were circulated. The board has now been to the library, the doctors surgery and the Sir John Leman High School.

Elfrede stressed this was still the first stage of the consultation and was as such "a toe in the water exercise". A more structured approach will follow in the next stage.

Richard said businesses need to be consulted. He said there is a need for a hotel space in town and this would not necessarily be raised by the general public. Beccles Business and Tourism Association (BBTA) have been contacted but have not yet responded.

Bob asked about bigger businesses. BBTA represent mainly small businesses. What about the likes of Clowes?

Outside bodies of Beccles Town Council have been contacted but there has not been a good response yet.

Heather suggested summer contact with tourists to get their views of the town as “outsiders”. Julia commented on the lack of play areas for young people.

EBC said early consultation has not been led with a questionnaire.

Graham C expressed concern about the comments received so far. He suggested we get names and address to show people are from the town and that the responses have come from a wide range of people. Elfrede said it was not appropriate at this point.

#### **Item 4**

The display board is moving to Tesco on 20 March for a maximum of one week. Need volunteers to “man” the display, to engage if necessary and to encourage people to contribute.

Julia, Richard, Heather, Catherine, Bob, Andrea, Graham E, Graham C, Josie and Jonie (via Josie) offered to be on the stall.

There will be a box for more anonymous comments.

#### **Item 5**

The display will then move on to St. Michaels Church.

The importance of St.Lukes was stressed. We will need to “pressure” Rich Henderson to take it in St.Lukes.

#### **Item 6**

There was a Hot Seat event on 24 February at SJLHS where local schools were invited to meet local politicians and to question them. The event was used as an opportunity to get the NP board into the school.

SJLHS will also have the board for last week of term (last week of March).

Kirsten Rema (SJLHS) wants Heather/Josie to be with the boards and to engage with pupils during breaks. There is also interest in having the board in assembly and in some lessons.

Heather will contact Free School.

Albert Pye are too busy at the moment. What about fetes, events etc?

Ravensmere Infants will do something with their School Council.

Beccles Primary Academy ....Josie will contact them again.

It may be easier dealing with schools after the SATS.

Bob asked about the questions asked by pupils at the Hot Seat event. These were not recorded and it was noted there are safeguarding issues relating to this sort of thing.

#### **Item 7**

SALC are running a “Planning for All” conference in Mildenhall on 2 March from 9:30am to 4pm. Elfrede will speak about our NP, particularly about the changes to the designated area that have happened.

David would like to go. It was agreed that the NP should pay the £75 conference fee.

*(subsequent to the meeting it has been established that there will be no charge for David).*

It was asked if Ringsfield & Weston were still included.

Elfrede reported that they were due to discuss the issue last week but have not yet reported back. Elfrede said she thought they would be better off making their own plan but that she would prefer them to come to this conclusion themselves rather than be told by Beccles.

### **Item 8**

Letters received as part of the consultation process were circulated with the agenda. They have been made anonymous for the agenda pack purposes but names can be made available to Committee members.

David asked how businesses were involved with Kessingland NP.

### **Item 9**

A logo for the NP was circulated with the agenda. It was well received and adopted by the group. Josie was thanked for her work in creating the logo.

### **AOB**

Elfrede has not been able to get a better quote for printing locally and will go to an internet quote for a company in Lowestoft. It was agreed to use the new logo on the flyer.

Elfrede asked for:-

- ideas for questionnaires
- ideas on how best to present ideas to the public
- anyone interested leading on particular subject areas.

Richard agreed to put the logo on the NP website. Josie to send a PDF version to Richard for this purpose.

Next meeting

10am on 27 March 2017

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