

BECCLES AND PARISHES NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN OPERATIONAL GROUP MEETING

Notes from Meeting

Monday 27 March 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 (part only)

Josie Horne

Jula Janney

Graham Catchpole

Chris Scott

John Fisk (part)

Maddy Fisk (part)

Janet Gandy

Apologies

John Sayer

Paul Fletcher

David Goldstone

Youth

Heather is in the Sir John Leman High School on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week. She will be there during break, between 10:55 & 11:15, and at lunch between 12:55 & 13:30. There is good support from Kirsten Rema at the school.

Heather will also visit Beccles Primary Academy at 9am on Thursday to try and get something going next term.

Minutes of meeting held on 27 February 2017

Accepted

Bob Aris said Minutes had not been circulated to all. This has now been corrected. Elfrede was previously only sending to committee members and thus Paul Fletcher, and others, were not included.

Matter Arising from minutes

Tesco display was successful. Many people engaged with the display.

The board was completely full and many notes had already been removed.

There were as many notes in a week in Tesco as the whole month in the library

Richard Henderson is happy to have board in St.Lukes.

Item 3

Business questionnaire considered a priority. An example questionnaire from West Wittering was discussed. It was noted that West Wittering is more tourism dependant than Beccles but the questionnaire could be a good starting point for us.

It was agreed that we should change the order and put business questions FIRST.

Need to engage with businesses. Ask them what are their needs. And what stops them from expanding. Is electricity capacity an issue?

Need to add question about "green space" and both indoor and outdoor play spaces.

Andrea asked about assets of community value.

Renewable energy ... it was agreed to keep the questions in.

Elfrede to amend the questionnaire and circulate.

Will use SurveyMonkey but also delivery to shops and businesses.

Item 4

Ringsfield have withdrawn from the Neighbourhood Plan. They felt it was better to go with other villages or on their own.

It was agreed that this the right decision for Ringsfield and also for Beccles.

Traffic Regulation orders following the opening of the Beccles Southern Relief Road need to be coordinated with SCC between Bungay, Ringsfield, Beccles etc..

Bungay would like to get together for an in formal gathering to share experiences and knowledge. We are all doing this for the first time. They suggested meeting in a pub for a social informal meeting.

Graham Elliott proposed we ask Beccles Town Council to resubmit an application for Beccles and only Beccles. All agreed.

Bob Aris stated that although Ellough was not included we still need to consult and engage with businesses there.

Item 5

The SALC Neighbourhood Planning conference at Mildenhall was attended by Elfrede, Richard, David G and Beccles Town Council deputy town clerk (Charlie Middleton)

It was a useful conference.

Please read the link from the agenda (below) and bring back suggestions.

<http://locality.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Neighbourhood-planning-roadmap-2016.pdf>

It does suggest we are on the right track!

Item 6

Community engagement plans were tabled.

We are still at the stage of "early engagement" and coming to the final phase of this stage.

We need to book the NP into events, particularly during the summer months.

Charter Weekend – Andrea to follow up

Realize Futures – Josie to follow up

Need to identify key stakeholders and offer opportunity to get involved.

Making a model future development was suggested ... Josie's father may be interested.

We should have an event between the two stages of the “early engagement” and “ongoing engagement”.

Earliest date is June after new NP area has been designated.

Best after WDC Local Plan “Preferred Options” document is out for consultation

We could use museum display with “preferred options” overlaid.

Josie will ask someone who might be able to produce the overlays.

We may want to allocate sites ourselves.

Item 7

NP leaflets are now printed

7000 in total. 4500 needed for door to door delivery in Beccles.

Andrea to organize distribution via Town Hall (tbc)

Try to do it over a short period but no deadline.

AOB

Chris Scott mentioned:-

1. “Christians Together” need to be on board

2. Minor Injuries Service IU contract is being renegotiated as more people than expected are using the service

3. Caxton Villa being redeveloped

Josie said Baptist Church would like NP display board.

Next meeting

10am on 24 April 2017

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