

# BECCLES NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN OPERATIONAL GROUP MEETING

## **Notes from Meeting**

Monday 26 March 2018

10am

Beccles Library

## **Present:**

### **Operational Group Members**

David Goldstone, Vice Chair Operational Group

Graham Elliott

Heather Sexton

Andrea Downes

Carol Coote

Paul Fletcher

Claire Mackney

Josi Horne

### **Others**

Richard Belfontaine

Chris, Navigus

Terry Goodwin

John Sayer

## **Apologies**

Elfrede, Chair Operational Group

Richard Stubbings

## **Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting on 26 February 2018 were approved subject to the following corrections:-

1. Richard Belfontaine is NOT a member of the NPOG
2. Carol was NOT present
3. The Beccles Society have put the Vision & Aims document in their newsletter rather than their website.

## **Vision and Aims**

David Goldstone attended a BBTA meeting last month

BBTA agreed to discuss as a business group and will do a group response from the business community

It was also sent to via Town Council to various groups in Beccles

David Goldstone to obtain a list of these groups for the engagement diary

Hope to get feedback in by end of April.

## **Promotion & events:**

Market Stall      Andrea, Josi, David      Friday 6 April      10am to 1pm

Beer Festival      Carol, David, Josi      Sunday 8 April      1pm to 3pm

What questions do we want to ask at these events?

Try and limit discussion to "town centre" issues. But not just shopping, also leisure, tourism and services.

Josi to do a visually attractive display with questions and to share the draft document with the team.

Maps are very useful for public engagement.

Elfrede has maps from pop-up cafe. What more do we need?

Chris can provide better base maps. Also WDC via Graham or Elfrede?

### **Next Steps**

Need to progress beyond the "Vision and Aims" and start getting policies written

Chris said we MUST ensure we keep going back to "Vision and Aims" .... no wandering!

Evidence is the main substance to formulate policies

Chris will do the technical evidence from WDC and other sources.

It will be a self contained document and can be used as background evidence for our NP.

The evidence should be up to date as Waveney have just drafted their Local plan and this will require an up to date evidence base.

The WDC Local Plan was approved by WDC Full Council 21 March

There is now an eight week consultation period from 29 March. Comments submitted during this period will be used by the independent Planning Inspector.

We will need to consider the NP response to WDC Local Plan document at our April meeting.

There are no major changes for the Beccles area in the final draft of the Local Plan. The main change is the refinement of the master-plan for the Beccles & Worlingham Garden Neighbourhood.

Graham will to send link to these documents.

Education / Health / Crime themes need to be further developed.

School gate is captive audience and a health centre session would be useful

Individuals need to lead on individual themes with all members supporting as needed

A full version Survey Monkey would cost £400 per year, payable in advance.

Is it useful? Is it good value?

Chris said surveys most useful for focussed issues. And that large questionnaires are not good. The free version of Survey Monkey allows for surveys up to 10 questions. It was agreed that the free version would be sufficient for our needs

Roadside boards promoting NP as used in Mutford .... Andrea has got a quote for this.

Chris will put together a couple of pages of technical evidence for each theme

### **Grant Budget**

Chris to provide year end bill

Dave met with John Warner of TiaGrace Web Design. They offered to build a new website for £150 and to maintain it for £25 per month. It was agreed to spend this money.

David will be website "enforcer" to ensure that material is provided for the website to make sure the website is up to date.

A Facebook feed is vital to ensure the website is dynamic.

### **AOB**

A145 campaign has been successfully concluded. The A145 will now be re-routed around the town when eh relief road is opened later this year.

**Date of next meeting**

10am Monday 30 April 2018

10am Monday 21 May 2018

10am Monday 25 June 2018