

BECCLES NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN OPERATIONAL GROUP MEETING

Notes from Meeting

Monday 29 January 2018

10am

Beccles Library

Present:

Operational Group Members

David Goldstone, Vice Chair Operational Group

Graham Elliott

Josi Horne

Chris Scott

Richard Stubbings

Heather Sexton

Andrea Downes

Carol Coote

Paul Fletcher

Claire Mackney

Carol Coote

Others

Terry Goodwin

John Sayer

Richard Bellfontaine

Chris Bowden, Navigus

Apologies

Elfrede Brambley-Crawshaw, Chair Operational Group

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting on 18 December 2017 were approved

Andrea did send blanket apologies via BTC for previous meetings. Graham to update minutes

Vision Statement

Richard S wants a "Community Hub" mentioned and not just school/open space.

Josi suggests that woodland/green space is specifically included

Richard B wants "Built environment" added to the heritage statement in point 11

Paul says there is problem with too many estate agents / charity shops and closing banks.

Agreed we will need an empty buildings policy.

Chris B was positive about the document

There is an good example of a community hub at Gamlingay

<http://www.gamlingayecohub.org.uk/>

Claire to redraft and circulate the vision statement

Visual Material

Josi has a map for the display at community engagement events

Chris B will print further maps and Graham will seek maps from WDC so we have plenty to look at.

PopUp Cafe

This is on Monday 5 February 2018 from 4pm to 7pm at Beccles library

Josi agree to produce posters for this event

Heather and David to help Josi distribute poster

Use social media to help promote the event

Free tea/coffee and cakes will be provided. Offers to make/supply cakes would be welcome

Visions & Aims document will be available to discuss at the event. The "Challenges" document will be displayed separately.

Need a feedback form for the public to use.

Follow up events from March onwards at Waveney Centre, May Centre, Scouts, Tesco, outside the Kings Head etc.

Infographic

Chris Bowden tabled an infographic for Beccles and a seven page socio-economic report

David agreed to circulate these documents electronically

Agreed to print the infographic in colour at A3 size at Beccles Town Council for the event.

Next Steps

Consultation evening pop up cafe

We need to "pull together" an "engagement diary" for the extensive consultation that has already been undertaken.

How do we best use the services of Chris B?

Evidence gathering is very important.

Hard evidence is from factual data held by WDC/SCC/Census etc.

Soft evidence is more anecdotal and is gathered mainly from community sources

Agreed that Chris B focus on the "hard" evidence while the NPOG focus on the "soft" evidence with an emphasis on filling gaps in what has been gathered so far.

Do we need to do a questionnaire? Chris B suggested that these are not usually useful unless there is a very specific issue to deal with.

Chris B suggested we "piggyback" local events during the summer to promote the NP. He also suggested we liaise more closely with Worlingham NP.

AOB

Elfrede and David met with WDC consultants, David Locke Associates, to discuss the development of the master plan for the Beccles and Worlingham Garden Neighbourhood.

Worlingham Parish Council have commissioned a traffic assessment for the "preferred options" version of the WDC Local Plan. Richard to circulate this via email.

Date of next meeting

10am Monday 26 February