

## BECCLES NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN OPERATIONAL GROUP MEETING

Notes from Meeting Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019, 9.30 am Beccles Town Hall Meeting Room

### Present:

Acting Chair Paul Fletcher,  
Heather Sexton,  
Carol Coote,  
Chris Greenhill

### 1. Apologies:

Clare Mackney

### 2. Minutes:

Agreed

### 3. Current position on NP draft document

Chris Bowden has revised the text taking into account revisions agreed at previous meetings and Charlie Middleton has provided two printed copies. This text is now the final version for agreement of Beccles Town Council and subsequent stages. With the Navigus basic conditions statement and consultation statement this forms the Regulation 16 statement. This will go to the BTC Planning Committee next Tuesday and to full Council in January

### 4. Habitat Regulations (HRA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

The SEA is largely finished, but still needs to take into account our revised policy on hotels. The HRA is being written by Dick Povey of ESDC. It has to be submitted to Natural England who must have 6 – 10 weeks to respond. This can be done in parallel with other processes so should only delay the overall programme slightly.

### 5. NP activities

CC had circulated 2 page summary of activities, which **was agreed**.

### 6. NP activity outcomes

CC had circulated a 5 page account of outcomes of events. CC was thanked and congratulated for her work on this.

### 7. How outcomes were used to move to the next stage.

PF had circulated text on transport which also includes the NP policies which arose from points raised from consultation. **CC agreed** to redraft the outcomes paper to include policies in the same way.

### 8. Financial update

PF circulated table of NP income and expenditure 2015-2019 which showed balance at 6/8/19 of £2251.62. Against this there is outstanding work from Navigus still to be paid for and to TiaGrace for website for 2020/2021. The question of funding for the Referendum was raised. PF consulted Claire Boyne who said it would be paid for from the BTC printing budget.

## 9. **Any other business**

Discussion on future of Operational Group once formal stages of NP have completed. Members present wanted the group to continue to monitor the implementation of the NP, but it was agreed that clarity was needed about how it would relate to BTC. OG is seen as independent of BTC but work should complement not cut across. Jennie is town councillor but previous members Elfrede and Graham are no longer.

**Agreed** that next meeting should be in the evening so that Jennie can attend.

PF consulted Claire Boyne, to express our view that we would like to see the group continue and she would seek the involvement of other councillors. PF mentioned the traffic group which he attends as chair of Beccles Society, which is chaired by Peter Aldous. Traffic problems in Beccles are discussed but no emphasis on pedestrianisation.

### **Next meeting:**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January, 7.00 p.m., Beccles Town Hall Meeting Room