

Eye Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group 4th April 2018

Present

Peter Gould (chair), Guy McGregor, Richard Berry, Michael Burke, Simon Hooton, Andrew Evitt

Andy Robinson (in support)

Main points:

1. Consultancy. Position noted. Bowls Club has now returned its facilities survey form. Reports on consultation outcomes, community facilities, infrastructure and evidence due to be reported to the May meeting.
2. AECOM - Position noted.
3. Housing needs survey- Agreed to progress through AECOM unless assurance received from CAS that it can deliver the right quality survey by the end of May.
4. Programme- Agreed. The draft local Plan is still expected in June 2018. Agreed to hold two 2 hour workshops to assess the information from the various strands with appropriate staff from AECOM present and prepare the key diagram options. The 31st May and 13th June both between 17.00 and 19.00 penciled in subject to AECOM availability.
5. Summary of consultation responses-Noted. Agreed to have a narrative which says what people want and explains what the Neighbourhood Plan can influence. Need to find out in what way the priorities for improvement identified in the current consultation need improving at next consultation stage.
6. Actions agreed to progress work topics:
 - a. To prepare scoping papers on each topic for the workshops in the May/June.
 - b. In doing so to ask critical questions about what needs protecting, providing or improving to address the known concerns of local people.
 - c. Noted that meeting with traffic planners is scheduled for 18th April.
 - d. It was agreed to add topics on education/life-long learning and the economy.
 - e. Peter and Andy to align all topics with the AECOM headings.
7. Victoria Mill -a prospective buyer now in negotiation within current landowner. Conversations continue to ensure the Town and Town Council can make appropriate decisions in a timely fashion. Noted that access to the site is the key issue. Noted that the Community Land group previously agreed would be useful in assessing options within the constraints of a commercial discussion about access. Another input is the Housing Needs Survey and Assessment which should establish the quantity and affordability level of affordable housing required.

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