

Meeting of Handforth Neighbourhood Plan

Steering Group

Meeting of: Handforth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group held on Tuesday 23rd May 2017 at 6:30pm, The Youth Centre, Old Road, Handforth.

Minutes

Present: A Comiskey Dawson, R Small, R Higham, B Shenton, S Moore, G Aspinall, C Samson, A Murdoch & D Pincombe.

Claire Bradley Kirkwells Planning consultant to HNPSG was in attendance.

61. To receive apologies for absence.

M Bishop.

62. Minutes of the meeting held on 18th April 2017

R Small noted that only one deposition was now outstanding, this one is from the Time Out Group, based at premises in the Paddock. R Small also noted that he had made enquiries about the Mayfest being held this year. Apparently, there are no plans to hold such an event.

Minutes of last meeting were approved

63. A Murdoch gave a report on the meeting that had taken place with WYG. Mark Thompson from EoTN had suggested some representatives of the steering group meet with WYG who were acting as agents to EoTN in the capacity of transport design planners. The timetable for development of the NCGV would be forwarded by Mark Thompson to the steering group. WYG had been commissioned by EoTN to design the internal routes for the NCGV which was envisaged to be a circular spinal road; as well as design and plan all the pedestrian, cycle, and transport linkages between the NCGV and Handforth. There had been a discussion regarding the retention of existing ponds / hedgerows and trees where possible and the importance of good / improved pedestrian, cycle and bus routes was stressed. The proposed new bus route was discussed which would potentially pass through the Handforth Youth Centre site. This bus route was intended to link the NCGV with Handforth Dean, the Railway station, Handforth Centre and the airport. The Group and WYG both made it clear that they welcomed each other's contributions and would continue to do so throughout the planning stage. The WYG report will be included in these minutes. R small noted that it was the wish of Handforth Parish Council that any proposed

bus route cover as much of Handforth as possible. Also thanks to excellent depositions received from the pre-school nursery and scout group it had been possible to convince the representatives from WYG to consider revising their current bus route plans to the northern edge of the Youth Centre site.

D Pincombe noted that together with Wilmslow, Handforth, Alderley Edge and Styal Parish councils a thorough bus service review was being carried out in conjunction with CEC. It was hoped some loop services overlapping between the parishes could be trialled to see how a cost effective service could be provided.

64. The draft issues and options document prepared by Kirkwells had been circulated to all the NP members in advance of the meeting to put forward any amendments views and ideas to be added in. Claire Bradley explained that this document, upon completion would be open to public consultation for a period of approximately two weeks. This would allow feedback to be gained from the wider community. The exercise would provide evidence to the examiner that this was a community led NP and be seen as a further community engagement and an opportunity for residents to agree / disagree with the basic policies formulated to be included in the preferred option draft NP.

It was discussed how to advertise this document to the wider community. Firstly a full display with copies of the document would be placed into Handforth Library. This would include feedback sheets and a response bin. It was felt that the group should probably put on a drop in event, possibly in the Paddock. It was agreed to use HPC's marquee, and set up the drop in event, possibly giving away hot beverages and cakes to entice residents to complete the questions presented in the issues and options document.

A flyer would also be produced and sent to all residents this would inform residents about the permanent display at the library and to give feedback on the issues and options document. This would be accompanied by a press release in the local media.

The following points (although not exhaustive) were covered in the discussion to amend the issues and options document:

- Possibly bind the document
- Treat the project planner as guidance, and all would endeavour to shorten the timescales
- NP group could not bring anything forward at present until public responses were received
- The consultation period would take place over two weeks in June
- No percentage response was required
- Handforth to remain classed as a village
- EoTN to carry out a strategic housing needs assessment
- The secretary to fill park boundaries in on a map to be sent by Kirkwells
- HNPSG to draw up a list of community and recreational facilities to be conserved.
- Claire Bradley to provide CEC methodology for classifying non listed heritage assets.
- 4.4.2 R Small to come up with a paragraph on local economy.
- 4.4.6 A Murdoch to check the shop types and vacancy rates in Handforth

- Work on Map of town centre from CEC town centre snapshot 2012
- 4.5.6 HNPSG need to update Claire Bradley on this item
- CIL can only be used for capital projects, not revenue projects
- NP has equal weight to Local Plan

Claire Bradley left the meeting at 20:52.

65. It was agreed that the £930.00 from MyCommunity grant would be spent to distribute the Flyers, advertising the issues and options document. As well as being used to cover the costs for the drop in sessions.

The date of the next meeting will be 20th June 2017

Close of meeting. At 21:05

Action	By Whom	When By
Erect display at Library	The secretary / RS	ASAP
Send out publicity shot to local media	The Secretary	ASAP
To meet to complete the issues and options document	The Secretary / AM / RS	Tuesday 30/05/17
Purchase a large map of Handforth	The secretary	ASAP

Roger Small
Chairman
23rd May 2017