



LJ/2014/NDP

17th April 2015

Summary of notes, recommendations and actions following a meeting of the Newport Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group held in The Guildhall, The High Street on Wednesday 15th April 2015

Present:

- Cllr Tim Nelson – Steering Group Chairman – Newport Town Council
- Cllr Peter Scott – Newport Town Council
- Cllr Phil Norton – Newport Town Council
- Patrick Beech – Chairman Newport Chamber of Commerce
- Charles Worth – Newport 21
- Lee Jakeman - Town Clerk
- Sheila Atkinson - Deputy Clerk
- Tim Pryce – Newport Tourist Information
- Janet Clarke – Newport & District Civic Society
- Michael Atherton – Newport Town Team
- Glyn Thomas – Newport Allotment Society

Apologies:

- Rev Steve Mitchell - Newport Churches Together
- Clare Francis – Telford & Wrekin Council
- Eric Carter – Newport Regeneration Partnership
- Cath Edwards – Newport 21
- Cllr Fowler – Newport Town Council

Agenda Topic	Summary	Actions/ comments/ outcomes
Welcome	<p>Cllr Nelson welcomed members and introduced Mr Glyn Thomas in his capacity as secretary of the allotment society.</p> <p>The meeting was informed of the recently published T&W 5 year land supply document, which now articulates an 8 and a half year land supply.</p>	Nil

<p>Previous Minutes</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>Nil</p>
<p>Process Management Group Meeting (31 Mar) Update / Members comments</p>	<p>Cllr Nelson ran through the thought process and the notes of the meeting held on 31st March and invited members to comment:</p> <p>Mr Pryce – asked can the HMO legislation etc. be applied retrospectively?</p> <p>Cllr Norton/Mrs Clarke/Mr Atherton - raised a point about affordable housing and agreed to work towards obtaining an evidence base to support the inclusion of a policy related to affordable housing.</p> <p>Mr Worth – discussed building standards carbon zero homes for all (with exceptions) allowable solutions. The steering group suggested that some significant additional funding was required to inform, structure and analyse the NDP aspirations due to a lack of detailed and current knowledge on building standards in house.</p> <p>Cllr Nelson – suggested that to build on the work regarding green and blue spaces some external resource would need to be purchased to document effectively and precisely. The council will publicise the current list of green spaces to encourage the recommendation of other sites for inclusion in the NDP. Mr Worth and Mrs Clarke agreed to produce a draft matrix to score the value of green spaces based broadly around 5 areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation • Space for children • Health and wellbeing • Ecology / natural resources • Beauty 	<p>SA/LJ to research and obtain definitive answer</p> <p>PN/JC/MA to work on obtaining evidence to support a policy for Newport and its residents.</p> <p>CW to research and provide links and direction as to where to find evidence</p> <p>ALL to provide some idea as to the aspirations and desires that are sought with regard to building standards</p> <p>LJ/SA to publish the current list of green spaces, and encourage addition of any unmentioned areas, e.g. Allotments, Cemetery</p> <p>Request for authority to expend from the Town Council NDP budget</p>

<p>Process Management Group Meeting (31 Mar) Update / Members comments (continued)</p>	<p>Mr Atherton – can we find out what the local plan is looking to say on broadband connectivity?</p> <p>The meeting suggested that work be undertaken by the officers of the Council to approach the land owners in Water Lane to understand their aspirations so that they can be considered in the production of the NDP.</p> <p>A lengthy discussion around employment occurred including protecting the current employment sites before additional/dispersed sites are considered. Some more thought required. New employment not replacement employment.</p>	<p>LJ/SA to research and liaise with T&W</p> <p>LJ/PB/MA</p> <p>All to consider what an appropriate planning policy might read like and/or define what the desired outcomes of any policy are likely to be</p>
<p>The Way Forward/ Any other business</p>	<p>Members asked that the Town Council be approached to allocate additional funding to the NDP project to allow external consultants to undertake the specialist elements of collating and identifying evidence e.g. formal assessment of green/blue spaces (incl topographical data) and the identification of appropriate building and design standards.</p> <p>Mr Atherton, asked that an updated time-scale be provided and a “Time Line” produced.</p> <p>The Town Clerk advised those present that the Guildhall can be available on request (subject to availability) for any informal meeting. Furthermore, printing and administration resources are available to members of the steering group for any work undertaken on the Neighbourhood Development Plan should they require.</p> <p>Members were reminded that dialogue is not restricted solely to the meetings. Should there be; any matters that they need guidance on, observations to make, comments or have collected additional evidence then they should contact the staff at the guildhall.</p>	<p>TN to raise with the Town Council (thru’ the R&F committee)</p> <p>LJ to produce.</p> <p>All to note</p> <p>All to note</p>

Next Meeting	To be confirmed. Individual members were asked to work on their own elements and report back to the Process Management Group (thru the deputy town clerk and other members as they see fit) as matters are progressed.	All
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