

Watlington Neighbourhood Plan Forum

Coordination Group

Minutes of 26th meeting: 13/12/2016 – West Room 7:30 pm

Present: Gill Bindoff (Facilitator), Norman Perry, Keith Jackson, Pepita Bianchi, Pauline Harvey, Peter Richardson (left early to attend full council meeting)

Also present until start of full council meeting : Terry Jackson

1. Apologies for absence:- Rebecca Broadbent, Tony Powell, David Cotterell

2. Declarations of Interest – none

3. Minutes of the 22/11/2016 meeting were approved

[Action: KJ to arrange for publication]

4. Update on specification for Traffic consultants

Specifications have been sent to consultants including TPP. A deadline of 16/12/2016 has been set for responses.

The results of the SODC traffic modelling study using the OCC application are expected in March 2017 after SODC gain access to the application in January 2017.

The WNDP should wait until responses have been received from the consultants and the data is available from the SODC study before considering whether it is necessary to seek further funding to pursue the brief sent to the consultants.

Peter Canavan will arrange a joint meeting between SODC, OCC and WNDP regarding traffic management strategy.

5. Progress Reports.

SA Scoping Report:

PB is awaiting input from GB before the report, which now has some archeological input can be sent to Community First Oxfordshire (CFO). After validation by CFO it will be sent to statutory consultees and others including local parishes following approval by the WPC NDP Steering Committee. After responses have been received the report can be published on the WNDP website.

[Action: GB to provide input]

Draft WNDP:

The WNDP SC still need to assess the whole draft in detail but have approved the policies in the draft plan.

PR is still working with Rachel Gill on the Consultation statement

NP reported that Peter Canavan approved the Basic Conditions Statement.

GB reported that the content for the Environmental Statement is in good shape.

6. Christmas Fayre/ Video

PR reported that the video made on the day contains 15-20 minutes of material including 30 clips featuring residents' views on Traffic issues, Sports, Schools and Recreation and preserving the character of Watlington. The final version will run for 5 minutes.

The video should be used to improve communications including more frequent updates on proposed plan content in the lead up to the next major public consultation before the draft NDP is published.

7. HCA / Chalgrove Airfield

PR/TJ reported briefly on the workshop with the HCA in Watlington Town Hall on 13 December.

The HCA attendees were the contracted consultants – no-one was present from the HCA itself

There was limited content for Cuxham and Britwell Salome.

Some progress could be reported in the efforts by the HCA consultants to ‘narrow the gap’ between WNDP and Pyrton NP with regard to the WAT8 and WAT9 developments; if WAT8 could be used as a purely ‘recreational development’ including possible expansion of the ICC facilities – it could be acceptable to Pyrton to also have WAT8 provide part of an alternative route.

The WNDP SC (TJ and Jeremy Bell) and the HCA are continuing to work on the edge street concept at workshop sessions and how development on WAT9,10,11 and 12 might work for Watlington.

8. Next steps

Early next year we need to firm up on how the next stage of public consultations will be run.

It was agreed that we need to explain to people the selection process that was adopted that led to the emergence of sites so that those not at first sight fully in agreement with the final recommendations might still support the final NDP in the referendum.

We may need to achieve a 40% turnout for the result to be acceptable if proposals before Parliament are included in new legislation.

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PH wondered if developers could be persuaded to provide low-cost apartments to rent on some of the proposed sites.

GB reported that the get-together of all members of the Forum on 7th December (7-9pm) was a good success and a worthwhile event.

Based on this GB, having consulted with PR and Rachel Gill, has made an approach to members of the former NP Core Committee about inviting them to a similar event early in the New Year.

The initial response from former NP Core Committee members was favourable to the idea.

The date that most NPFCG members could make was 4th or 11th January 2017 ; so these will be offered to the former NP Core Committee.

The format of event was discussed and it was thought that it should be mostly in the form of an update.

10 Next meetings

Monday 16th January 2017 West Room 7:30pm