

Newmarket Vision Steering Group
9 May, 2016 at 09.30
Newmarket Town Council Offices



Key Notes and Actions

Attendees: Cllr Sarah Stamp (Chair); Cllr Warwick Hirst; Cllr James Finch; William Gittus, Cllr Robin Millar; Bryn Griffiths, Richard Baldwin and Christine Rush

Apologies: Howard Lay, Noel Byrne and Jill Korwin

1. Welcome

SS welcomed Richard Goss to the meeting, who has agreed to Chair NV TRET Delivery Group meetings starting on 20 May, 2016.

2. Minutes of meeting 21 March, 2016 and matters arising:

The minutes were agreed as correct.

- Afternoon free parking leading up to Christmas.

Action: Richard Baldwin to check with JK for update from Darren Dixon

3. Updates from Delivery Groups

Newmarket Neighbourhood Plan: (Warwick Hirst)

- Work on-going
- Single Issue Review out for consultation currently.

Equine Hub Focus Group: (William Gittus)

- All progressing.

Education Delivery Group: (Howard Lay) no update available.

TRET Delivery Group: (Noel Byrne) no update available.

RG in attendance and has met with NB, SS and RM. RG will chair his first meeting on Friday, 20 May!

Traffic / Highways Delivery Group: (James Finch)

JF thanked RM for representing him at the Workshop Event.

- JF reported that the car parks signage is on order.

Action: WH to provide Steering Group with a map to show signage and could also be added to the e-newsletter.

- Brown Signs: Initial application has been submitted to Highways England for their consideration and review.
- Final application has to be made to Highways England by Mid September.
- Detailed traffic flows identified. A Business Case to be written. Then has to be rated amongst 14 cases, to prioritise which is first.
- Snailwell Road safety audit – horse walk traffic lights and pedestrian path down side of the road – study not released yet.
- Developing Horse activated signs.
- Congestion around Waitrose exit. Talks on-going with the Catholic Church if route reconfigured to one way system potential exit by car park.

- Number of schemes being progressed in conjunction with LEP. James Finch working as part of a group with Suffolk Chamber of Commerce re A14 improvements and prioritisation of those improvements and includes A11 and A142 requirements.

4. **BID update**

CAR circulated the hardcopy of the BID Business Plan 2016-2021. The BID has its own working group and is meeting tomorrow evening, 10 May. BID is a private limited company. BID Manager recruitment process by 1st July. 4th July launch event, potentially at the Jockey Club. The group thought that it would be very useful to receive a presentation from the BID Manager. The Steering Group would like to know

- what the relationship with BID is?
- Will a representative from BID sit on the TRET Delivery Group?
- What projects will they be involved with? Potentially BID should see the Steering Group as help and support.

Action: RG will liaise with BID. RG can sit on meetings as an observer. RG will invite board member to sit on TRET Delivery Group.

5. **NV Workshop Event**

All agreed that the workshop was very well attended and were able to take away valuable information for improvements, in particular communication. Communication between groups and communication of the NV work. RB stated that JK has plans for a simpler plans and priorities recording which will assist in the updating of the other groups and cross over of work should be more easily seen.

6. **Communications**

The group thought the e-Newsletter is key, however good quality articles and information is necessary to report to reflect excitement / interest. A communication proposal with options had been circulated with the agenda from Mark Beaumont. A discussion followed re merits of Facebook and twitter media, link with local journals to raise profile and awareness of the NV work. BG suggested a communications grid as good news stories are not getting into the press. RG reported that the Retailers always get support from Newmarket Journals. However on chatting to his clients about NV – they had not heard of the NV work so RG thinks local newspaper is a better medium. WG agreed and the wider audience of EDT and BFP would be an improvement. RM stated that BID and NV may overlap with promotion of work. SS would like MB to have ownership of communications.

Action: RM to speak with JK.

Action: CAR to send out email to all NV contacts on behalf of SS to include website and twitter address, attach copy of slides, Workshop 'post-it' celebration and improvement notes. (11.05.2016 email sent).

7. **RIS2 Update**

JF working with Chamber of Commerce and Highways England to improve A11 and A14. Road Investment Strategy (1) 2014-2019 and (2) 2020-2024. JF attends Chamber meetings in Ipswich and Bury St Edmunds. JF reported there is not one single project in RIS1 in Suffolk. Highways England embarrassed, with RIS2 JF has the opportunity to change this. All proposals are required by October this year. The Minister makes the final decision. RIS2 will have a Suffolk programme included. JF gave Felixstowe docks as a huge example. 40% of containers come into England through Felixstowe and

has a massive impact on roads and the local economy. Currently all have to be unloaded in the Midlands and then goods are returned to Suffolk. There is potential investment to build warehouses and expand in Suffolk to have a better infrastructure including rail links.

8. Any Other Business

Flood Defences was responsibility of Community Planning Group but it has been raised as to where this now sits. Flooding issue is around the drain and that is being picked up through TRET – John Smithson leading on that and links with Jane Birch at SCC, flood defence lead. WH stated this had all been resolved.

There was no other business.

9. Date of Next Meeting and future meetings: frequency of meetings has been reduced:

11th July – 9.30am

12 September – 9.30am

14 November - 9.30am