



Newmarket Vision Steering Group

Monday 7th August, 2017, 10am

NOTES AND ACTIONS

Attendees:

Cllr Robin Millar
Jill Korwin
Bryn Griffiths
William Gittus
Richard Goss

Guests:

Lynda Bradford, Suffolk County Council Public Health
Michael Attwood, Suffolk County Council Public Health
Alison Blackwell, Abbeycroft Leisure
John Neil, Suffolk MIND

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies: Nick Froy; Cllr James Finch

Cllr Robin Millar noted his thanks to Cllr Richard Smith for his period of chair on the Vision.

Noted that the group was not a decision making group but a coordinating and steering group meeting bringing partners together to drive activity through for the town.

2. Minutes of last meeting 13 February, 2017

Minutes agreed.

3. Mental Health Project

1. Physical and Mental Health

Lynda introduced the main paper –purpose to find a way to improve physical, mental and emotional wellbeing for Newmarket, building on the evidence showing the challenges the town faces - looking at local data shows there are things that need to be addressed and activity could be co-ordinated.

Public Health would like to set up a small steering group to look at these issues, understand what is already happening and join that up. From there



will work up a plan to address these issues and work together to make the best of what we already have. Potentially a year's project.

Racing Welfare are working up plans for an industry survey on mental health. Noted that a lot of infrastructure is already there to support the racing industry in this regard.

Meeting agreed to:

1. Support initiative
2. Require more local research to get into the detail of the high level figures
3. Need for a co-production approach to this work
4. Link Lynda to the local groups who are working on this work.

Actions: LB to further develop base line data for Newmarket bringing together quantitative and qualitative data.

LB to circulate list of who she has already worked with and group makes further links as necessary.

LB to work with partners to develop further and return to next meeting with an updated paper.

2. Suffolk Mind

John introduced the paper and the continuum of mental health. Explained importance of meeting emotional needs to prevent stress crossing over from mental wellbeing to mental ill health.

Proposal is a model to introduce training on meeting emotional needs in workplaces and educational establishments on a locality basis. Learning embedded through follow up session and encouraging people to network and follow up actions differently.

Have a separate commercial training offer for larger businesses that is being taken up well.

Group discussed proposal and interested in how we respond to needs rather than just identify them and suggest commissioning decisions made on that basis. **Action – RM** to feed back.

Need to ensure better co-ordination between all this work and understand full offer for different sectors of the



3. Tour of Britain

Alison Blackwell introduced Tour of Britain report: Stage 6 start on Friday 8th September.

There will be live TV coverage on ITV4 and Eurosport; extent of coverage to be confirmed. Start outside Hughes Electrical at 10.45 am. Slow start to race and main start at 11am at Cotton End Road.

Local people will lead out the pro-riders.

Note: High Street will be closed 4am to approx. 3.30pm – diversion route included with the papers.

Alison has posters that can be displayed.

CLlr Millar thanked Alison for the work that she has put into this.

4. Matters Arising

1. **Palace Street Traffic Monitoring** - to be covered in Transport Group update
2. **Racing Employment Figures** - noted from SQW report 9.5% increase in racing employment
3. **Updates to Group Membership** - Education Group - a Primary head was approached to take on Chair, but due to work pressures was unable to take this on. **Action: RM** to follow up.

5. Update from and confirmation of Key Priorities

1. **Equine Hub Focus Group:** Hill Gallop – expecting to go to Committee in September; Application for racing housing expected shortly.
2. **Education Delivery Group:** Has not met – seeking new Chair.
3. **TRET Delivery Group:**
 - **Business Growth Expansion Plan** - FHDC officer meeting businesses to understand needs more and will report back.
 - **Newmarket High Street Design Project** – Have had first designs; being reviewed and will go to public consultation. Will update the Steering group at the appropriate time.



- **Newmarket BID** – Wi-Fi expected to be live end of September following planning application. Number of events have happened in town and further planned.

4. Traffic/ Highways Delivery Group:

- **Signage in the Town Centre** - Note this is not about the trunk road signage. Generally SCC as Highways Authority responsible for signage, but note that there is a finite budget. In other areas of County other bodies have chosen to fund the signage. SCC does not have funds for additional signage in the town. **Action – JK and RM** to discuss who leads on review of signage and moving this project forward

- **Palace Street** - BID group is consulting businesses to see what they want (Note this is not statutory consultation). Highways Authority sympathetic to need for change. Timetable for this work will be dependent on level of agreement on scheme and changes needed. If there are objections to the scheme this will take longer. Note that this is proposal for permanent changes not just temporary for the proposed market changes.

- **Snailwell Road Project** - Issue with dressing on the horse walks has been addressed and rectified. Partners worked together very well and Jockey Club ensured that the offending material was removed and replaced immediately. Existing concrete walk has been designed and scheme needs developing – dates to be advised.

5. Newmarket Neighbourhood Plan Update:

Cllr Andy Drummond was not in attendance so no update.
Noted that there are clear links with the Newmarket Vision.

6. Markets Update

Paper circulated – noted embargo to 4pm. Ambition to improve quality of market and be an attraction for the town. Support for the move.

7. Communications/ PR

- 1. Publicity Since Last Meet** – good coverage re SQW report
- 2. Future Issues** - Reminded to include reference to NM Vision in local press releases. Pending items: market, yellow brick road.

8. Dates for 2017 Future Meetings

30 October 10am. Robin to review agenda.

Additional Items for that agenda:



Queensbury Lodge
Scaltback – Future of clubs using those sites

9. AOB

Noted that we need to be able to explain the uniqueness of Newmarket to businesses, residents and agencies. Interesting that earlier presentation thought we were the same as any other racing town.

Queensbury Lodge: FHDC will be able to provide an update at the next meeting. Noted that public do not understand why this is taking so long and the challenges that exist.

Scaltback Middle School – Noted that the site is closing and work ongoing to find short and long term solutions for the clubs that currently use the sites.

Homelessness – Noted press coverage, consultation last year with partners re the Public Space Protection Order did not identify need for aggressive begging so new order just for alcohol.