

**MINUTES OF THE NEWMARKET VISION TOWN CENTRE/RETAIL, LOCAL ECONOMY AND TOURISM
VISION DELIVERY GROUP MEETING ON THURSDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER, 2014 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL**

PRESENT: Noel Byrne, Warwick Hirst, Amy Starkey, Joanne Rogers, Jill Buckingham, Sara Beckett, Boyd Nicholas, Richard Fletcher, Peter Hulbert, Julie Eden, Alison Hayes, Graham Abbey, and Rachel Wood.

REPORTS FROM THE FOUR SUB GROUPS

TOWN CENTRE SUB GROUP - Sara Beckett

- They are reviewing the Shop Front Policy.
- Joint Meeting planned with the Tourism Group on Signage with Guy Smith present.
- English Heritage Township Fund.-For Grants towards buildings with a 25% contribution to the cost. Deadline for a full proposal is 8/2015.

RETAIL SUB GROUP - Julie Eden

- Positive Meeting with West Suffolk Officers on November 5th to discuss the BED Project. Suggestion to appoint an Urban Designer.
- Great help from Emily <West Suffolk Officer > who is producing a project time line.
- Waiting for results of the High Street Topographical Survey.
- Will use data from the SCC High Street Survey on parking and taxis to guide BED work.

LOCAL ECONOMY SUB GROUP - Graham Abbey

- Apprentices .Seeking Government Funding for a post to develop Apprenticeships in Forest Heath
- Newmarket Academy is seeking mentors for business and for racing industries.
- Anglia and Cambridge LEPS have funding available.
- Supporting the B I D Project Group.
- On going survey of businesses and of office space.
- Update needed on the Equine Growth Hub.

TOURISM SUB GROUP - Rachel Wood

- Linked in with the Town Centre group on Signage.
- Map of car parks being produced.
- Cycling is a key development. Needs support from involved members BN/WH.
- Arts and Culture Festival planned for July 2015.
- Needs to link in with the Discover Newmarket Programme.

NEXT MEETINGS - 10.00am

Friday January 16th at the Bedford Lodge
Friday February 13th at the Memorial Hall
Friday March 20th at the Memorial Hall
Friday April 17th at the Memorial Hall

Can the four sub groups please fix their meetings so reports can be made as above.

All dates to be sent to Christine Rush Christine.rush@westsuffolk.gov.uk

Warwick Hirst
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