

Notes and Actions of the Newmarket Vision Meeting

Monday, 10 February, 2014 2.00 pm

held at Newmarket Town Council

Attendees:

Cllr Lisa Chambers, Chairman (SCC)	Liz Watts (FHDC)
Cllr Warwick Hirst (FHDC)	Robert Feakes (SCC)
Cllr Rachel Hood (NTC)	Alison Huxley (SCC) until 3.20pm
Bryn Griffiths (SCC)	Christine Rush (FHDC) Minutes

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Isabelle Barrett, Newmarket Town Council and Richard Baldwin, Families and Communities Officer FHDC.

2. Notes and actions from last meeting dated 13 January, 2014

Notes of the last meeting were agreed as correct.

3. Additional interest and representation on the four Delivery Groups

Action: The following people had expressed interest in being on delivery groups, and it was agreed that they should be invited to join them:

Education:

Anya Petyaeva (National Stud)
Amy Starkey / David Hood (Newmarket Racecourse)
Chris Garibaldi (NHRM)

Community Planning:

William Gittus (Jockey Club Estates)

Traffic/Highways:

Gemma Charrington (Newmarket Racecourse)
Nick Patton (Jockey Club Estates)
Cameron Findlay (Car Parks and Markets Manager FHDC)

Town Centre/Tourism:

Alison Hayes (Newmarket Journal)
Amy Starkey (Newmarket Racecourse)

4. Equine Hub Proposal

AH gave a short presentation about Equine Hubs, setting out some research she had undertaken around three very diverse examples of hubs in America (Lexington, Kentucky), the UK (Cheshire) and France (Hippolia).

AH stated that there are currently funding opportunities from New Anglia and Greater Cambridge LEPS, Rural Development Fund, East of England Agri Tech Initiative and British Horse Racing Authority Grant Scheme. However, AH had concerns as to how long the funding would be available for.

The meeting thought each group should have a copy of the report and that the Steering Group should hold a Focus Group before end of March, to discuss possible ways forward for a Newmarket Equine Hub

Action: RF and AH to invite all potential stakeholders to the focus group, and circulate the proposal document.

5. Updates from delivery groups

Education Delivery Group: The Chair is Howard Lay. The assessment of vision statements and taking forward relevant issues from 'Raising the Bar' will be the focus of this group. LC reported that the first meeting was positive with very enthusiastic and supportive members. The next meeting will take place on 3 March.

Community Planning Delivery Group: RH is the Chair. On 24 January a very informative presentation on Neighbourhood Planning was given by RF and Marie Smith. RH has a follow up meeting with MS this Wednesday. RH is expecting the group to formulate a decision at the next meeting to be held 20 February whether to pursue a Neighbourhood Plan or not. If yes, then the Newmarket Town Council would need to re-affirm for the group or another body to take this action forward. LW asked that funding should be taken into consideration, since the development of a Neighbourhood Plan requires significant resource, which she felt could not be provided by the councils. There are however some other sources of funding available which could be explored should a decision be taken to proceed. BG suggested that the group liaised with another town that has a Neighbourhood Plan.

Action: RF will identify a town and liaise with them with regards to attendance of the group meeting of 20 February for discussions to take place.

Action: CR will circulate dates of the group, when known, but potentially monthly on a Thursday.

Town Centre/Retail, Local Economy and Tourism Delivery Group:

Noel Bryne chairs this group. WH reported that the group met on 24 January and discussed the action list which they divided into an action plan for four sub groups. The subgroups will meet separately and their findings will be reviewed at the next delivery group to be held on 28 March to establish what actions will be taken forward and how.

WH advised that the NTC Town Street Regeneration Committee has been dissolved.

Traffic/Highways Delivery Group: Next meeting 12 March at 1pm.

Action: LW to talk to Suzanne Buck at SCC to ensure Chris Barker is added to circulation list and to discuss progress made to date on the Traffic/Highways Delivery Group. LW also offered to put Cameron Findlay (FHDC) in touch with Suzanne Buck, as he is responsible for car parks and a car park strategy for Newmarket.

6. Publication of Minutes / Action Notes

The Steering Group agreed that the minutes of the Delivery Groups circulated with the agenda today could be uploaded on to the FHDC website plus an updated structure chart.

7. Proposed DPPO for Newmarket High Street – eight week consultation

Item for the Group's information. The consultation ends this Friday. A DDPO, if adopted, would empower police to confiscate drink from those causing noise or disturbance in a street (it would not prevent the public from drinking in the street.)

8. Any Other Business

The Steering Group agreed to hold a conference in the future to promote and showcase what actions have been achieved, and gather all members of the delivery groups together to exchange information and ideas.

9. Agreed communications

Action: It was agreed that CR would circulate the notes of this meeting to the Steering Group for agreement to enable posting on the FHDC website before the next meeting of the Steering Group.

10. Future Dates:

Dates were discussed as some clashes had emerged since the initial meetings had been set.

It was decided at the meeting that the 12 May should be moved from 9.30 to 11.00 am and be held at Newmarket College, providing the room is available at the college.

Action: LC will check room availability.

It was also decided to move 9 June meeting to Friday, 13 June at 9.30am and be held at Newmarket Town Council Offices.

Action: WH will check room availability.

Future Dates:

Time: 9.30 to 11.30am unless otherwise stated*

Venue: Newmarket Town Council Offices

12 March

2 April

12 May, 11.00am - *at Newmarket College**

~~9 June~~ - Friday, 13 June

2 July

13 August

8 September, 2.00pm*

1 October

6 November

3 December, 2.30pm*