

**Newmarket Vision TRET Delivery Group**  
**Meeting Notes - 31 July, 2017**  
Meeting opened at 10.03am

**Present:**

Richard Goss  
Warwick Hirst  
John Smithson  
Julie Eden (mins.)

Jon Miles  
Clare Harding (FHDC Economic Growth Officer)  
Michael Jefferys

**Apologies:**

Peter Herbert, William Gittus, John Morrey, Chris Garibaldi, Christine Rush, Graham Philpot, and Boyd Nicholas.

**1. Minutes of the last Meeting dated 12 June, 2017**

Minutes from last meeting agreed - no issues arising.

**2. Green Corridor update - John Smithson**

A public meeting was held on 27 June, 2017. 30 attendees listened to a presentation on the Yellow Brick Road, followed by a 'Q & A' session. There was a good uptake for the three options available for public involvement. Security issues were discussed.

A further meeting was held at Brough Scott House, but only six attendees. A new logo has been decided.

A meeting will take place on 8 August, 2017 and will be advertised to locals.

Agenda items :

- waste bin siting
- new welcome map
- raise profile of Yellow Brick Road (YBR)

**YBR Street Lights** no resolution re timings of switch off.

**ACTION:** WH has information on this and will forward to JS.

Issues:

- Should lights remain on until midnight?
- Would locals feel safer?
- Issue about cyclists going too fast.
- Police don't recognise YBR as a road so crime issues only reported to nearest recognised road, this needs to be changed.
- Tree on the brook has fallen across the horse walk. No-one is taking responsibility at present.
- No ownership of unregistered land.
- Can West Suffolk claim ownership after a legal process?  
**ACTION:** JS to investigate.
- CCTV - no news or updates  
**ACTION:** JS to pursue
- PH passed on complaints about rubbish and greenery in the ditch. JS states this will be resolved.

**3. Specific Actions of the sub groups**

- **Town Centre Sub Group**  
**High Street Project Working Group brief update** - BN sent an update via JS:
  - First draft of Town Centre design almost complete.

- Internal consultation being undertaken and should be available by end of Summer.
- TRET needs to invite Ramon to next meeting to discuss progress.

**ACTIONS:** CAR to add to September agenda and BN to invite R Keeley on behalf of the RG.

JM - no-one attended meeting from Highways - need to chase a rep for Sept meeting.

**ACTION:** JM to contact Highways.

**Traffic movement issues -**

- lorry turning on High Street
- Waitrose traffic lights - discussion about yellow hatching
- Pedestrianisation of Palace Street
- Rous Road closure or one-way system

**ACTION:** CAR to add to September agenda.

Is there any further news on **350 trees** for 350 years being planted?

No-one had any further info but can this be actioned?

**ACTION:** RG to enquire.

**S106 money-** JM update

- Concern that deadlines were approaching.
- Tesco S106 - deadline 22 December, 2019 - £65,049 (so far £5k spent on design work.
- 14 October, 2021 - £62,000.
- Understanding that the money needs to be committed to a project by these dates but not necessarily spent.

• **Retailers Sub Group**

Trees in the High Street and hanging baskets –

- trees finally in planters with summer bedding
- Town Council have purchased all plants for 2017, Spring bulb under planting will take place in 2018.
- JE felt that more trees at the Clock Tower end of the High Street would be a good addition
- Hanging baskets are in place with the remainder due to be put up the first week of August. Stress and H&S reports on lampposts were received and all okay.

• **The BID update** - Graham Philpot

GP - sent a report that permissions were being sought re town WiFi and should be launched by the end of September 2017.

**BID Events -**

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| • Easter          | • Christmas Lights    |
| • Father's Day    | Switch on             |
| • Life's a Beach  | • Late Night Shopping |
| • Summer Saturday | • Christmas Event     |
| • Halloween       |                       |

Need more people to promote events, however, it was felt that the public will learn that these events are not one-offs but will be repeated. All being promoted via Love Newmarket website and Facebook page.

• **Local Economy Sub Group – Jon Miles**

**Car Charging Points** - Charging Points in The Guineas - unable to collect data yet as too new. The town needs infrastructure prior to further installation - looking at funding for more charging points.

**Newmarket Toilet Facilities** – A discussion took place.

- Can't have porta-loos at the railway station for insurance reasons.
- No plans to reopen toilets at the station; however this is due to be an agenda item at the next Town Council meeting.
- Toilets at the Memorial Hall were misused over the July Festival weekend plus other toilets in the town.

Clare Harding from FHDC reported a general positive outlook with a couple of local businesses looking at expansion and one of those to create approximately a further 20 jobs.

- **Tourism Sub Group**

Unfortunately there were no reps from this sub-group to give an update.

- Clock Tower refurbishment update - scaffolding needs to be erected in order to pursue this.
- Newmarket Town Guides Contract update (Sara Beckett) – no news on contracts.

**4. Newmarket Vision Promotion Opportunities**

RG to talk to the Journal.

**5. Any Other Business**

PH - stated there was a problem with double parking at George Lambton - being investigated by traffic.

RG to email group re poor attendance at meeting.

**Neighbourhood Plan** - opinions/feedback required.

**ACTION:** MJ to advise RG agenda item for future meeting, potentially October. MJ to do a presentation and document to be attached to Agenda for attendees to read prior to the meeting.

**6. Next Meeting Date:** Monday, 11 September, Council Chamber  
(Mon 23 Oct and Mon 4 Dec Sir Ernest Cassell Meeting Room)