



Equine Hub Focus Group – Minutes

Monday 6th August, 2018

8.30am – Jockey Club Rooms

Attendees: William Gittus, Jill Korwin, Alison Huxley, Chris Garibaldi, Rachel Hood, Dawn Goodfellow

Apologies: John Morrey

1. World Heritage Status Update

The Town Council originally looked at this in 2008 and supported idea in principle but did not have funding to do so – estimated costs were £200k. Chris Garibaldi has spoken with a number of people in regard to this including and been advised to budget £100k. Town Council will support and expected government will announce process for reviewed tentative list early 2019.

JK confirmed that FHDC will fund £550 of the £1100 costs for the initial study;

Actions: JK to liaise with Town Council Manager in regard to the payment as the Town Council will instruct

RH to speak to Town Council Manager to instruct DR and ensure the work covers the likelihood of success of application and benefits of it

2. Newmarket Vision Steering Group & Vision refresh

JK outlined changes to membership of steering group:

- Cllr Paul West: SCC Councillor; Cabinet Member for Communities
- Cllr Mary Evans: SCC Councillor, deputy leader and Cabinet Member for Highways; Chair of Highways Group
- Cllr Robin Miller: FHDC Councillor
- Cllr Rachel Hood: Newmarket Town Council Mayor
- Richard Goss: Chair of TRET
- William Gittus: Chair of the Equine Hub
- Education group under review, currently Nick Froy is the Chair.

Vision refresh: Noted that the revised Vision Priorities were to be agreed by a wider stakeholder event. Noted that we would need to ensure we measure achievement and success and have necessary baseline information.

Opportunity to feed in key elements of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Action: All to feed in any further feedback to Jill Korwin by end of August



3. Sector Skills Plan

Skills Plan endorsed by LEP in May and will be published and soft launched. Andy Wood as Chair of Tourism Group will become involved. The plan is designed to be owned by the tourism industry but implementation to be agreed. We need to feedback to Michael Gray re implementation or content of the report.

LEP: Group wants to understand the process for membership of the LEP board and sub board

Actions: – Alison to feedback that the Town Council would like to be formally consulted on the plan. All to feedback to Alison any comments on implementation or content of the report.

Jill & Alison to share a summary of LEP board governance arrangements

Chris to talk to Matt Hancock re inviting Mayor James Palmer to Newmarket

4. OC&C report update

Interesting first phase of work completing that clarifies the challenge of economic growth for the industry and how best achieved. Looking at further work in regard to what good growth looks like. Speaking to Turnberry Consulting re further work. JK noted Council's commitment to supporting this study and feeding it into the Council's growth strategy

5. Equine Hub Action Plan

Updated action plan – separate attachment.

Action: JK to speak to new skills lead at West Suffolk Kirsty Pitwood for update on "I can be a" and skills brokerage service.

JK to follow up on Newmarket Transport modelling meeting and next steps.

6. AOB

A14: Being closed for works and Cllr Mary Evans pushing for signage to be refreshed at the same time.

Rail: Timetable changes mean that if Bury train a minute late miss connection and vice versa. Train frequently does not have enough carriages. Chris has met with Alan Neville new customer services manager. Autumn 2019 – will all be 3 carriage trains through new rolling stock. New signalling system being trialled which could increase frequency of trains. Look at Network Rail Eastern Rail Consultation.

Action: – Chris to email link to Network Rail consultation to all and Town Council Manager

Racing Welfare Housing Stock: Jockey Club estates have taken over the running of Racing Welfare Housing Stock; Racing Welfare no longer a housing association due to reduction in rents and right to buy.

Newmarket Brook/Number 1 Drain – cutting vegetation has revealed litter and vegetation falling into the drain – will cause blocking – Also smell issues has been raised.

Action: JK to speak to John Smithson to understand who is responsible.