

**Minutes of the Newmarket Vision  
Town Centre / Retail, Local Economy and Tourism Delivery Group  
held at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 14 January, 2019 at Newmarket Town  
Council, Sir Ernest Cassell Meeting Room**

**Present:**

Richard Goss

Roberta Bennett (Minutes)

Michael Jefferys

Jon Miles

Graham Philpot

Warwick Hirst

Peter Hulbert

Rachel Wood (10.05am)

Inspector Mark Shipton (10.05am)

**Apologies:**

Christine Rush, Boyd Nicholas, Di Robertshaw, Chris Garibaldi, William Gittus, Megan Pollexfen and Sara Beckett

**1. Minutes of the last meeting 3 December, 2018**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as correct.

**2. Newmarket Neighbourhood Plan Update - Michael Jefferys**

At the last Delivery Group meeting, RG offered to dedicate 14 January to the Newmarket Neighbourhood Plan.

MJ presented the Newmarket Neighbourhood Plan to the group.

The group worked through the plan and commented on the following areas:

- It was explained that figures used in the report were referenced and backed up by evidence.
- **Policy NKT 4:** Could a business hub be brought forward under this?
- Question - Who is Newmarket's biggest employer?  
**ACTION:** JM to take forward.
- Is the data up to date for employer analysis of the town? Should there be a new project to look at this?
- **NKT 6:** Market – Strong feeling from the group to keep market on High Street. Should High Street redesign accommodate wider pavements?
- **Objective B:** General – Should provision be made in this section for homeless and vulnerable?
- **Community Action B2:** Comment from Police – Kids need somewhere to be; there needs to be more provision in Newmarket as there is nowhere for them to go.
- **NKT 10:** Is this achievable? How do we make it happen?
- **NKT 14:** Is this still relevant? Where are West Suffolk at with AQMA?
- BID comment - Air quality is massive factor and (in general terms nationally) is a big high street issue.
- Should the Town Council be more proactive about air quality?
- **Community Action C6:** Create more community gardens / wildlife gardens.
- **Community Action D6:** Is this the official definition of a large scale development?
- **Community Action E1:** YES!! Strong support for this action (Junction 37).
- **Objective F:** Nicer photo of High Street to be included too.

MJ and Rachel Wood thanked everyone for their input.

### 3. Any Other Business

- **Discover Newmarket** – Megan Pollexfen

MP sent a couple of things to note from Discover Newmarket;

- Dr Young from Oxford University visited Newmarket on 8 January to assess the town on our application for World Heritage Status.
- Discover Newmarket Tour Guide Larry Bowden has been short listed for the Visit Britain Tourism Superstar Award- filming and content gathering of Larry here in Newmarket will take place early February with voting opening mid/February. More info to follow!
- 2019 Public Tours of The National Stud commence on 18 February 2019.

- **Town Centre sub group – High Street Design Group:** Boyd Nicholas  
NB asked the group to note that the Consultation document on Newmarket Vision website. **ACTION:** RG encourages all Vision groups and stakeholders to participate.

- **Newmarket Retailers Sub Group:** to be known and referred to as '**Newmarket Retailers Association**' again.
- All agreed that a 'one item' meeting had felt to be productive and it was suggested that future meetings could concentrate on one main issue.
- Issues for future meeting:
  - Youth Provision in Newmarket:
    - Mark Shipton to ask his staff to take forward in advance of the next meeting.
  - Will Wright to be included in the conversation.
  - Survey "do you work in racing?"
  - Newmarket Market.

#### 4. **Next Meeting Date:** Monday, 4 March, 10am Newmarket Town Council, Sir Ernest Cassell Meeting Room.

Future meeting date confirmed at NTC Monday 29 April.