



**Equine Hub Focus Group**  
**9.30am, Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2019**  
**Jockey Club Rooms, Newmarket**

**Minutes**

**Attendees:**

William Gittus

Jill Korwin

Chris Garibaldi

John Morrey

Aimee Hockley- Righton

Kirsty Pitwood

**1. Apologies:**

Rachel Hood, Dawn Goodfellow and Alison Huxley.

**2. Review of minutes and actions from the last meeting (06.08.2018):**

*Mayor Palmer* – CG met briefly.

*Transport Modelling* – Signalisation of horse crossings - work has started on the Cambridge Road crossing; looking at other crossings including Norwich road as fast and dangerous crossing as not used often.

NM Horseman's' group have undertaken some micro simulation work that produces a film showing movements – looking at morning and evening peak. Work shows that with predicted level of growth by AECOM during plan period; Newmarket stops; queue lengths of 400.

WAG meeting with SCC – Highways to show them this work. Shows that signalisation is marginally better than non-signalisation and marginally horse crossings assist traffic flow as they provide breaks. Intelligent signals are making a great difference. Also have drone footage.

**3. Skills:**

Kirsty Pitwood, Skills lead for West Suffolk Council attended the meeting and presented summary of Sector Skills Plan.





Lead at SCC for skills is Michael Gray. Plans are working documents and create a menu of opportunities. Formal launch of Visitor Economy Plan scheduled for end Jan '19 – Visit East Anglia are leading this plan. Noted that none of the plans address the core skills issue of the horse racing industry.

<https://www.icanbea.org.uk/> website up and running – is being improved and have developed an app. Could there be an opportunity for a Horse Racing Channel?

Offer for Equine Rep to attend Visitor Economy Sector Group.

Advised group that there would be a local approach to youth unemployment. Work will be happening in Newmarket and working in partnership with West Suffolk College.

**Action:** KP to share final Visitor Economy Plan and minutes of first meeting and Cross Cutting Sector Plan.

**Action:** KP will feed back issues with the out of date images on horseracing information on the ICANBEA website.

WAG governor at Newmarket Academy and can promote ICANBEA once improved.

**Action:** All to promote businesses to provide information to the site: to [team@icanbe.co.uk](mailto:team@icanbe.co.uk).

**Action:** KP to share requirements for information on ICANBEA to all; WAG to share to equine businesses through Newmarket Horseman's Group.

**Action:** KP to link talent coaches with WAG who can share specific information on Industry.

#### **4. Vision Priorities:**

Reviewed document.

*Neighbourhood Plan* - add an update to the status of the neighbourhood plan.

Racing Centre has increased its profile in regard to health and wellbeing significantly and has been a real success.

*Health and Wellbeing* – significantly impacted by all other activities in the Vision and if get that right then health and wellbeing should improve. Hard to measure tangible improvements. Would rather focus on what was originally on there. Changes proposed are semantics and words – like to have a date on the actions. Concentration on delivery.



*Place* - add in: improved access to public open space – Kings Yard no open space.

## **5. Action Plan:**

Updated.

## **6. AOB:**

*Brickfield Stud* – 80 units – still horseracing land – Applicant stating that FHDC have said do not have to do a horse racing impact study (contrary to the fact that at the EIP stated that each development would have to consider impact to horse crossing).

**Action:** WAG to send info to JK- JK to follow up with FHDC planning.

Local Cultural Academic Partnership – geographic spread across EA and all schools in that area are aware of that offer.

**Action:** Demographic Info for Newmarket – JK to share with CG – link to Suffolk Observatory.

CG will be leaving National Heritage Centre.



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