

Newmarket Vision Steering Group Meeting - Notes

10am, Monday 18th March, 2019

Newmarket Academy, CB8 0EB

Notes

<u>Attendees</u>	
<p>Cllr Paul West Cllr Robin Millar Cllr Rachel Hood Roberta Bennett Sally Easton Richard Goss William Gittus Andy Cuthbertson Jill Korwin Claire Bailey</p>	
<u>Minutes</u>	
1. Welcome and apologies	
<p>Apologies: Nick Froy Cllr Mary Evans Laura Cockell</p>	
2. Newmarket Academy Presentation – Skate Park	
<p>Presentation from Ethan, Leon, Dan and Megan from Newmarket Academy describing their ambition for a new skate park – they have been working on the project for approximately 18 months.</p> <p>The group spoke about the importance of the stake park for teen activity and the poor standard of the current park.</p> <p>Really like the location of the park at George Lambton and are keen to move on site so they are close to the police station for safety.</p> <p>The team have visited other skate parks and have inspiration and design aspirations for the park to suit different abilities and ages, will also include benches.</p> <p>The group have written to George Lambton to use the land and have received a positive response, also written to local businesses.</p> <p>A survey was conducted and feedback has been used.</p> <p>Have spoken to Orbit Housing, Tesco and Newmarket Town Council. Further support has been received</p> <p>A model of the skate park has been created from clay and foam.</p> <p>Total cost of project £150k to £300k – have £120k pledged already.</p> <p>Site designed for skateboards, BMX, scooters, roller skates – drawings are coming in tomorrow.</p>	

<p>Group being supported by Will Wright, Locality officer, West Suffolk Council. The group asked a number of questions around the site, design, and lighting and the team were encouraged to write to Cllrs to seek support from locality budgets.</p>	
<p>3. Minutes of the last meeting (21.01.2019)</p>	
<p>Cllr Hood requested it be noted in the 17 September, 2018 minutes under Item 2: Terms of Reference: [Following the words 'positive steps forward' in the third paragraph.] 'RH disagreed with the foregoing statement and emphasised that the original aims of the NV needed to be achieved'. Action: LC to amend notes.</p> <p>Minutes agreed from previous meeting with one note below:</p> <p>Matters arising: Item 4: Place Group. Action: Cllr West to speak to Cllrs Millar and Hood in regard to this.</p> <p>RB noted that a list of actions have come through from the Newmarket Neighbourhood Plan that could inform the activity of that group.</p>	<p>LC</p> <p>PW</p>
<p>4. Update from the delivery groups</p>	
<p><u>Town Centre, Retail, Economy and Tourism</u></p> <p>High Street Design Consultation complete – group will be reporting back shortly; youth Provision focus – concerned re lack of activity for young people in the town and are looking at what could be delivered.</p> <p>Supporting Neighbourhood Plan, looking at moving forward the town plan and other activities the tourism group is looking at. Want to ensure that information gets out to the public - concerned re communications. Vacancy rate 3.9%: low - Town performing well.</p> <p>Positive feedback on market, except for the barriers. Want to keep the market where it is.</p> <p>RG raised concern about Queensbury Lodge – public do not understand why nothing appears to be happening.</p> <p>Action: Cllr West to write as chair of Newmarket Vision to West Suffolk Council in regard to the site and concerns re lack of progress.</p> <p>Action: JK to speak to Planning and circulate update on the current status and action being taken before next meeting.</p> <p><u>Transport</u></p> <p>RH & WAG updated informally as chair of group not present.</p> <p>Barbara Stradbroke lights – issue with wiring but should be up and running shortly.</p>	<p>PW</p> <p>JK</p>

<p>Parking enforcement continues to be a concern – noted that still awaiting legislative change for parking to be decriminalised, but West Suffolk Council working to be ready to implement when orders have been made.</p> <p>Minutes to be posted on website and link sent to Steering group members.</p> <p><u>Equine Group</u></p> <p>Expressed frustrations with SCC highways in regard to evidence regarding traffic.</p> <p>Concerns re overall growth and impact on traffic in Newmarket on Clock Tower Roundabout.</p> <p>Newmarket Horseman’s Group have commissioned own modelling of junctions (micro-simulation) for morning and evening peak and have shared with SCC. There is a meeting on Wednesday to discuss further.</p> <p><u>Education Group</u></p> <p>Group has not met. Action: JK & AC to meet to discuss options for reinvigorating this group.</p>	<p>JK/AC</p>
<p>5. Forward Plan of Meetings</p>	
<p>May 20 – Conference planning focus of agenda – venue Memorial Hall</p> <p>July 15 – National Heritage Centre venue (LC to book); theme town centre and review of the conference.</p>	<p>LC</p>
<p>6. Newmarket Vision Conference</p>	
<p>SE outlined plan for the conference event and requested nominations for person from each group to work with comms on development of the films and hosting the day.</p> <p>Also request for support in hosting the event.</p> <p>Additional suggested attendees: National Heritage Centre, Discover Newmarket; History Society, Neighbourhood Plan, Orbit Housing; Anglian Water.</p> <p>Group were very supportive of approach but wanted to ensure that there was adequate time for preparations. The Group agreed to defer the conference until September, but agreed that there is a need to get information about the Vision out there so the group should start to develop content that can be shared in advance.</p> <p>Action: Sally and Bobby to work together to develop the schedule for videos. Agreed important to emphasise engagement with the public rather than just sharing. Suggested date 24th September.</p>	<p>SE/RB</p>
<p>7. Tour of Academy</p>	
<p>Meeting concluded with a tour of the academy.</p>	
<p>8. AOB</p>	

Future meetings to be scheduled at 14:00 due to availability.

Police Community Support Officer employed by NTC – currently in training and will be active from mid-April.

Andy Cuthbertson has replaced Michael Attwood for SCC.