



**Newmarket Vision Steering Group Meeting**

**2-4pm, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2019**

**Council Chamber, Memorial Hall, Newmarket, CB8 8JS**

**Minutes**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Resp</b>
1.	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sally Easton, Laura Cockell, Richard Goss</li> </ul>	
	<b>Attendees:</b> Cllr Paul West Roberta Bennett William Gittus Nick Froy Andy Cuthbertson Chris Pyburn Cllr Andy Drummond Cllr Rachel Hood Jill Korwin	
2.	<b>Minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 (Attached)</b>	
	Group reviewed and <b>AGREED</b> minutes.  <b>Action</b> – LC to notify that minutes were amended – item 3  <b>Action</b> - RB to write to group to seek update re Skate Park project.  <b>Action</b> - AD to speak to Dave Burkin at West Suffolk Council regarding 106 contributions from Brickfield Stud and potential for further contribution to the Skate Park.  Group <b>AGREED</b> that the <b>Community Planning Delivery Group</b> be formally reinstated as a Vision delivery group; Cllr Hood offered to Chair. This is to ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan and the Heritage Action Zone and other planning issues are covered.	LC  RB  AD
3.	<b>Newmarket Town Survey (Attached)</b>	
	CB attended and provided background to work done to date and the partnership approach.  Initial focus has been on physical activity and Public Health worked with West Suffolk College to conduct the survey supported by online presence.	

	<p>290 responses were received. Working group has reviewed the findings and an action plan has been developed.</p> <p>Looking at a Phase 2 survey to build on Phase 1 with a focus on Community Connectivity.</p> <p>CP will share presentation that shows detail of the consultation. Following the survey Abbeycroft Leisure is looking at what it can do to address the issues identified.</p> <p>Cllr Hood noted the need for wider provision for leisure including running track and more sports hall provision following the demolition of Scaltback school.</p> <p>The group noted that there is a great ability to walk as after 1pm the Horse walks and the Heath are available for the general public.</p> <p>Group discussed why the 2<sup>nd</sup> survey was so long after the 1<sup>st</sup> survey and noted that action plan had been developed. Ideally the 2<sup>nd</sup> survey would have happened more promptly.</p> <p>Noted that the suicide rate was one driver for this work but that it had a broader remit around health and wellbeing, not just suicide prevention.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> CP to share presentation</p>	<p>CP</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><b>Key Issues/Concerns from delivery Groups:</b></p>	
	<p><b>Town Centre, Retail, Economy and Tourism:</b> Exploring how DMO and History can work together and promote the town. Query as to where the High Street Design work has got to? <b>Action:</b> JK to advise.</p> <p><b>Transport:</b> Cllr Busuttil (LB) has chaired the group in Cllr Evan's absence. Opportunity to also explore RH and PW to speak to LB for an update.</p> <p><b>Equine:</b> Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>Education:</b> Group discussed that the Education Group was still not meeting and without a Chair. Noted need to ensure that education in the town was covered in the Vision, and need to go back to basics to explore with the schools the Vision for education in the town and what being part of the Newmarket Vision means. Also noted that the group addressed adult skills too.</p>	<p>JK</p>

<p>Group agreed to convene a meeting of the schools to discuss Vision. <b>Action</b> – AC, JK and PW to discuss how this can be facilitated and how this can link into the September Conference.</p>	<p><b>AC/JK/PW</b></p>
<p>Invitation to Academy students to attend the Conference. <b>Action:</b> RB and NF to discuss practical approach to this. Also consider how primary children can be included.</p>	<p><b>RB/NF</b></p>
<p><b>Community Planning Delivery Group:</b> High St Heritage Action Zone application has been submitted to Historic England – covering culture as well as opportunities in Conservation area. RB to share copy of the application with the Group. West Suffolk are running a formal consultation in respect of the Newmarket Neighbourhood Plan – <b>Action:</b> JK to send link to group – see below:</p>	<p><b>JK</b></p>
<p><i>West Suffolk Council is in receipt of a Submission version Neighbourhood Plan for Newmarket.</i></p>	
<p><i>Comments are invited regarding whether the 'plan proposal' (the neighbourhood plan) fulfils the "basic conditions" (Paragraph 8, Schedule 4B Town and Country Planning Act (as amended)). Representations received under Regulation 16 regarding the plan proposal will be forwarded to an independent examiner, who will assess the Newmarket Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents against "basic conditions".</i></p>	
<p><b>The "basic conditions" require that the plan:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. Has regard to national policy and guidance from the Secretary of State</i></li> <li><i>2. Contributes to sustainable development</i></li> <li><i>3. Is in general conformity with the strategic policy of the development plan for the area or any part of that area</i></li> <li><i>4. Does not breach or is otherwise compatible with EU obligations - this includes the SEA Directive of 2001/42/EC</i></li> <li><i>5. The making of the Neighbourhood Plan is not likely to have significant effect on a European site (as defined in the Conservation of Habitats and Species regulations</i></li> </ol>	

	<p>2010 (d)), either alone or in combinations with other plans or projects.</p> <p><b>The Neighbourhood Plan and accompanying documents may be seen:</b>  <a href="http://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/newmarketplan">www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/newmarketplan</a></p>	
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Newmarket Vision Conference (Attached)</b></p>	
	<p>JK provided overview of approach to conference. Questions addressed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Are there any changes to the proposed roles and responsibilities?</i></li> </ol> <p>RB to allocate admin to one of the team – to advise. WAG unable to attend – Nick Patton and John Morrey to cover</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. <i>Invitations - please review the list of invitees to have a stand and advise who invitation would best come from for each body.</i></li> </ol> <p>Cinema update will not be provided as funding will not have been approved at that stage.</p> <p>Education – Beacon project – Godolphin and Racecourse. Diana Cooper is contact. 07771 777183  <a href="mailto:DCooper@godolphin.com">DCooper@godolphin.com</a>.</p> <p>Also speak to Kevin Hancock – Newmarket Festival.</p> <p>All invitations to go out from Cllr Paul West.</p> <p><i>Amy Starkey as a District Cllr and Racing Centre.</i>  <a href="mailto:Debbiegrey@theracingcentre.org">Debbiegrey@theracingcentre.org</a></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. <i>Agree how/if the refreshed priorities should be shared with attendees.</i></li> </ol> <p>Agreed that the tables would focus on what has been achieved, existing objectives and share contacts.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. <i>Confirm timing of event – currently scheduled for 10am-3pm.</i></li> </ol>	

	<p>Confirmed and needs to be supported by online presence and this promoted at same time as the event.</p> <p>5. <i>Agree to support the Conference with an online questionnaire re priorities (subject to 3 above).</i></p> <p>Agreed essential for people to be able to feed in if cannot attend event. Questionnaire to be circulated to steering group in advance.</p>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Newmarket Public Asset Study (Attached)</b>	
	<p>Group noted report and ambition for Newmarket Hospital for Health and Well Being Hub and Foley House as an Advice and information hub.</p> <p>Cllr Hood noted the ambition the town has to link the GL Playing Field and the St Felix Playing Fields to ensure there is public open space in the town, and discussions have been had with Nicola Beach, Chief Exec - SCC.</p> <p>Cllr Hood and WAG noted that the report did not seem to take into account the uniqueness of the town and the needs and impact of the Horse Racing Industry.</p>	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Forward Plan of Meetings</b>	
	<p>Agreed 16 September at Heritage Centre – Steven Parrisien new Chief Exec to address the meeting.</p> <p>Further meetings to take place once a quarter – on a Monday afternoon 2pm – 4pm - planned for the year.</p>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
	<p><b>Highways England</b> – public consultation at Waitrose- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 10am-4pm, works on A14, M11 and A11.</p> <p><b>Newmarket Town Council</b> aspiration to redevelop the clock tower plaza- have planning permission. AD shared designs for the plan.</p> <p>Next Meeting Date: <b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2-4pm Venue TBC</b></p>	