



Equine Hub Focus Group - Notes
8.30am, Wednesday 21st August, 2019
Jockey Club Rooms, Newmarket

Attendees

William Gittus
John Morrey
Rachel Hood
Dawn Goodfellow
Steven Parissien
Jill Korwin
Aimee Hockley-Righton
Lindsay Devin – on behalf of Nick Patton Lindsay.devin@thejockeyclub.co.uk

Apologies

Alison Huxley

1. Update on actions

Stable waste – still looking at various systems and some do not work so well. Easier to find systems that work with straw but shavings does not work so well. Can work on small scale yards. Need to find the best solution for yards in UK. Looking at a scheme in Abu Dhabi but will need to look at scale.

Bridge of Hope - Meeting in place with Michael Corrighan <https://resumefoundation.org.uk/pf/the-bridge-of-hope/> Approach using whole industry and taking opportunities to get those furthest from workplace into racing work. Aim to have 2 hubs to develop this work - plan for one at Racing Centre in Newmarket.

Action: JK/Laura - Speak to Michael to get material for conference

Agreed **World Heritage Status** meeting should go ahead next Wednesday in Newmarket – Laura to confirm and circulate paper in advance.

BID - Confirmed current BID Manager leaving; confirmed Cllr Andy Drummond would be Newmarket Town Council rep – **Action:** JK to send meeting details.

Brickfield Stud – Confirmation from planners that new plans have not been submitted (as at 21/8). HRI explained their concerns remain re transport impact.

Autumn conference update

Confirmed stand attendees on day: Racing Centre, Racing Welfare, NHRM, Racecourses. Video for introduction done.

Attendance on the day:

- West Suffolk: Kirsty Pitwood
- HRI: Aimee, Lindsey Devin, John M and Nick P will do shift. Cllr Hood will be in attendance as Mayor
- SCC: Alison Huxley

Social Media will be used to promote. **Action:** Laura to send links so all can share.

Asked for FAQs from Equine – **Action:** WAG to provide FAQ on Sky Gallops and All Weather Course.



2. Review of the Equine Hub Action Plan

Action: WAG to provide words for infrastructure

Summerhill House – 21 x 2 bed apartments for older people associated with racing under development.

Peter O’Sullivan House (Rehab centre) at Racing School – Aimee to speak to Lisa to find out what is open to the wider community.

Housing – refurb of McDonald Buchannan House to create 18 rooms for young people will be underway.

Note growth meeting in place for September. Ambition for all to work together to use the cluster to grow NM economy in symbiotic way.

3. AOB

Brexit – WAG to send email out to trainers and studs. JK to send words re email suggesting areas to be covered.

Racing Welfare need to have applied for training to do the applications on behalf of staff. JK to link with customers services.

Next meeting date: Review outputs of conference and Brexit Plans. **Action:** Laura to arrange next meeting.