



Newmarket Vision Steering Group Meeting Notes

Monday 20th January 2020, 2-4pm

Memorial Hall, Newmarket, CB8 8JP

Attendees:

Cllr Paul West (Chair) (PW)
Cllr Andy Drummond (AD)
Cllr Rachel Hood (RH)
Cllr Alan Sharp (AS)
Cllr Louis Busuttil (LB)
Jill Korwin (JK)
Andy Cuthbertson (AC)
William Gittus (WG)
Deborah Sarson (DS)

1. Welcome and Apologies

Sally Easton (SE)
Nick Froy (NF)
Laura Cockell (LC)

2. Minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 16th September 2019

Matters Arising

Skatepark - Cllr Drummond (AC) updated that the planning application was to be submitted shortly and this would include lighting issues. Jill Korwin (JK) advised that S106 monies were in place for the Skatepark Project.

Discussion continued regarding Section 106 monies; the Town Council requested a list of 106 monies allocated to Newmarket. **ACTION:** JK to follow up with the planning team and share with the steering group.

3. Newmarket Vision Conference

Noted feedback from the tables and considered resulting actions.

Equine



It was agreed that there could be further publicity about the community/volunteering work that was undertaken. William Gittus (WG) advised this was underway.

Transport and Highways

Better Bus Services – Newmarket Town Council are in conversation with local bus companies about opportunities to improve services.

Cycle Paths – Noted that there is an enthusiasm for extending cycle network and connecting places to Newmarket e.g. Kentford and Kennett. Noted that East Cambridgeshire District Council are looking at consulting with residents and looking at a path from Bottisham to Newmarket, noted it is important to have cross border conversations. **ACTION:** Andy Cuthbertson (AC) to get an update from SCC Highways. Agreed this is a priority for the group to look at and a plan would be useful. Cllr Busuttill (LB) to take forward on behalf of the group and co-ordinate with Cllr Sharp (AS), to report back at the June steering group meeting. **ACTION:** LC to add to the agenda.

Parking – Noted CPE powers will be transferred in April and West Suffolk has an action plan to implement this. SCC has a programme called connecting communities that is looking at how there is better use of transport assets. **ACTION:** AC to find out more and share with the group.

Safer Crossings – Transport and Highways delivery group to investigate, is there a list of places that are concerns? More of a pedestrian crossing issue. Confirmed plans for horse crossings are in place.

EV Vehicles – Noted SCC looking for sites to combine solar and electric forecourts and install near county farmland.

Town Centre, Retail, Local Economy and Tourism

Noted soft play going into Newmarket Leisure Centre currently. West Suffolk is refining the business case for the cinema scheme, lending has increased costs of the scheme. No bowling proposals currently this tends to be commercial.

Seating concerns noted but feel there is sufficient areas in Newmarket.

Lack of awareness re. free Wi-Fi – to be fed back to the BID.

Noted re. positive feedback on Market.

Empty Shops – looking at repurposing, feedback from BID sought. How can we make empty shops more attractive? **ACTION:** LC to inform BID and gather feedback for next meeting.



Education:

Noted feedback. Discussion re. support from the Racing industry took place and confirm do not want to lose this level of support that would not get from other industries. Beacon project has been a particular success where year 10 and 11 are immersed in the racing industry, getting involved in different elements. Confirmed that there is a need to continue looking at opportunities for young people.

Youth Strategy – youth action working group has been set up in Newmarket, Will Wright (WW) (West Suffolk Council) is supporting this work linking to Western Assembly of Youth. **ACTION:** WW to feedback to the steering group to explain what is happening and what action to take. Could also look to Town Council Sub Committee to look at this area.

Community Planning:

Noted re. engagement on local plan and Neighbourhood Plan - importance of communicating actions.

4. Communications/Website

JK advised the group on updates to the website. **ACTION:** Sally Easton (SE) to send a link to draft pages for feedback.

5. Key Issues/Concerns from Delivery Groups

Town Centre, Retail, Local Economy and Tourism (TRET)

Noted a new chair is now required. All to consider and agreed need to get things done where the value is in collaborative working. Need to have something to really focus on.

Education

WW has met with heads of primary schools and they are keen to get involved again but want to drive the agenda. They have identified actions they want to take forward exploring education priorities collectively and individually, inviting outside organisations as necessary; looking at longer term objectives. WW working with them and will look to appoint chair, update to be provided at next meeting.

Community Planning

ACTION: Deborah Sarson (DS) to set up after referendum.



6. Forward Plan of Meetings

Agreed to stick with quarterly meeting on Mondays 2-4pm at the Memorial Hall. June – avoid w/c 15th.

ASB and County Lines to be added to the agenda for March – WW to attend.

7. AOB

Feedback from PCSO re. Anti-Social Behaviour at the train station linked to Newmarket Nights. West Suffolk ASB coordinator will pick this up and Town Council will advise racecourse.

Waste recycling centre – RH raised concerns re. lack of facilities in Newmarket. RH, AS and AD to meet with PW. **ACTION:** PW to arrange.