Equine Hub: 12 June 2017

Present: William Gittus, Alison Huxley; Chris Garibaldi; Rachel Hood; Dawn

Goodfellow, John Morrey; Jill Korwin

Key notes & Action points

1. Action points from last meeting:

General: *JK to circulate summary of original vision statements* and action points complete – attached to agenda

World Heritage Status: *CG* to follow up with Oxford University: Chris updated re process. It is a 2 stage process – 1 need to get on "possible" list then each year the government nominates one site to go through to UNESCO. The tentative list was reset March 2011; list due to be reviewed 2019/2021 and that is when we could get on it. Historic England manage the process – Chris setting up a meeting. Need to understand more about the costs involved. Ultimately its in DCMS – if Matt could put us in contact with named civil servant – **WAG to action**

Racing Accommodation: JK to chase arrangements for meeting between FHDC and Jockey Club – meeting taken place. WAG has additional examples to send through with examples of similar schemes. Cannot put application in until this is completed. WAG to send examples to Simon Phelan and Jill K

Transport – *JK to send update to group* . Sent with minutes Update requested from transport group on other related issues- horse crossings .

High Street – concern expressed over air quality issues and taxis idling and cancellation of air quality monitoring. *Update provided - note. Issue of Air Quality Old Station Road* . Signage – pursuing new signage through the BID. Chris speaking to Boyd re conservation issues.

Skills – AH to speak to SCC skills team re potential to develop a sector skills plan and circulate an example of such a plan. Jon Miles from FHDC to support and look at potential for Horse Racing Channel on ICANBEA. Update: Skills teams will be happy to look at HRI as sub set of Life Sciences (no) or Tourism and Culture skills plan (yes). Grant Harrison, BHA will be happy to support (contact via Dawn Goodfellow). **Action: AH will feed back and look to set up a meeting for all parties**.

2. Action Plan update

Creche – having struggled to find evidence for grant application have consulted with SCC – A1 fun club already offers racing hours. So Racing Welfare will subsidise cost for 8 families. Have approached all racing businesses to make them aware. Places available. Wrote to everyone last week. **Action: Dawn to circulate contact details for A1 Nursery.**

Homestart – young Families scheme for racing industry – being offered from Memorial Hall and over 20 families attending.

Hill Gallop - Highways seeking additional contributions for Pegasus Crossings. But the Gallop will reduce the number of horse crossing so this information has been resubmitted. Concern over length of time for highways to respond and change to respond by Highways when EA produced. Pleased that SCC now looking at Pegasus crossing but that should not be linked to this application.

Stable Waste Recycling – continue to look at options.



3. Mental Health issues – linking into SCC initiative

SCC looking at locality based work on MH with a focus on Newmarket. RW have funding to undertake whole industry study into mental wellbeing to inform a strategy. Action: DW to send through contact details: Simone Sear head of welfare at RW. (done) Chris Garibaldi — requested Hazel Courtley - Community Engagement at Heritage Centre also be involved to see where culture can play a role. JK to feedback to SCC (Complete 12/6)

4. AOB

BRR Consultation - Discretionary Rate relief —noted consultation pending on DRRS.. Used to be an exemption for empty boxes. JK to check.

Andrea O'Keefe did some work nationally to look at BR - WAG to get copy of the report and share

Send consultation to Newmarket Trainers' Federation and Stud Farms -Action: John to Send Jill



Business Rates Discretionary Rate Re

details and Jill to send consultation (Complete 12/6)

Racing Welfare: MacDonald Buchanan House – converting for young people accommodation - 18 bed sits will ultimately be supported.

Racing Welfare newsletter – Dawn to send update to Newmarket Town Councillors and JK to send to FHDC Cllrs (complete 12/6)

Heart of EA Cultural Partnership - looking at cultural education and seeking Arts Council funding. Racing Welfare keen to link in to for older people. **– Action: AH to send Chris Michael Gray's details (Skills lead for SCC). And arrange wider skills meeting**

Old Station Building –Tattersalls and FHDC making contact with Lady Fairbairn re future of the station building.

Tourism: Chris has joined Visit Cambridge and Beyond as a Board Member. 7.3m visitors to Cambridge; 800,000 overnight visitors;6.5m day visitors. Newmarket need to capitalise on this. Opportunity for presence at Cambridge Station to promote the town and Heritage Centre. Continued anxiety over the train service cross country. Chris actively working on that. Visitor numbers at Heritage Centre currently under projection. Judges visit for Museum of the Year Award last week –announcement 5th July.

Next meeting – September . Laura to canvass for dates