

Minutes of Steering Group Meeting – 24th Apr 2014

Meeting Date: 24th Apr 2014 - 7.00pm Village Hall, Park Place, Ashton Keynes

SG Attendees: Dave Wingrove (DW), Malcolm Carter (MC), Keith Newman (KN), Terry Klee (TK), Kevin Winstone (KW)

SG Apologies: Mike Jackson (MJ), Geoff Winslow (GW)

Other Refs: Cotswold Community (CC), Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

| Ref. | Public Attendees |
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| 9.1.0 | None |
| Ref. | Approval of Minutes from the Last Meeting |
| 9.2.0 | The Minutes from the previous Steering Group meeting (DocRef. AKNP-SG-Minutes-030414) were approved and will be listed on the AKNP website (www.ashtonkeynesneighbourhood.com) |
| Ref. | Public Exhibition Review |
| 9.3.0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DW and MC have compiled a short press release on the public exhibition for the Wilts and Glos Standard. Over 130 people attended the exhibition and of those 79 completed the questionnaire. The questionnaires are in the process of being scanned and should be available to the focus groups for review by 29th April. MC will place the exhibition graphics on the NP web site. DW thanked MC for his very hard work in pulling the exhibition together. |
| Ref. | Consultant Support Update |
| 9.4.0 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MC requested that members of the SG provide feedback on the three consultant briefs. Locality have not yet completed their assessment and the Planning Aid consultant could therefore not attend this evening's meeting. However, it is anticipated that the process will be completed shortly and a special SG meeting with the consultant will be arranged. |
| Ref. | Cotswold Community |
| 9.5.0 | <p>Amita have sent a letter to DW requesting a meeting. They want us to share our NP output to help them formulate a plan for the CC development.</p> <p>A number of issues on the matter arose:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Do we have a vision of what it is we would want Amita to offer us if the development went ahead? What are the strengths, weaknesses opportunities and threats of the development to the parish? |

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| 9.5.0 contd | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Purely from an ideas perspective, do we know what we would do if we were offered the site ourselves? What advantages and benefits could it offer the parish? Should we seek professional advice on how to deal with the developer? e.g. Planning Aid. Is there any value in having a NP if the development goes ahead? The development does not meet the core strategy, therefore, any involvement by the parish may be misconstrued as supportive. We still do not know what Amita are proposing, and until we do, we are unable to comment. County mineral extraction plans for the CC site is 2.76 million tonnes, Amita propose extracting only 800,000 tonnes. This poses a number of questions on whether or not Amita will be bound to meet the county extraction figure and what impact this will have upon their plans. <p>In conclusion, it was agreed that this matter was not one that the SG should be dealing with until Amita submit a plan. Until then, it was recommended that the Parish Council deal with any contact from them.</p> |
| Ref. | Development Site Designations |
| 9.6.0 | <p>A key part of the NP is the nomination of a develop site within the parish to meet the housing needs and the Malmesbury allocation (as yet unknown, but estimated to be around 17 homes). Only one of the WDC SHLAA sites is within the settlement boundary.</p> <p>A settlement boundary review is due to be undertaken but the timescale has not been determined.</p> <p>It was agreed that for the scoping report we do not need to name a specific site, but merely to identify that there is a plot of land within the settlement boundary that may be suitable for nomination as a defined development site.</p> |
| Ref. | Scoping Report drafting |
| 9.7.0 | <p>MC advised the SG to look at the Sherston Scoping report in order to formulate some ideas for our own report.</p> <p>It was agreed that, to prepare the draft scoping report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> each focus group would review the Parish Exhibition feedback for their area and then review and refine their objectives by 15th May. all focus group meet together and produce a combined agreed output by 30th May. the outputs be forwarded to the consultant by 15th June for review and for advice on what our next steps should be and what form future community engagement should take. <p>At this point 21 parishioners expressed an interest in taking part in a community workshop.</p> |
| Ref. | Any other business |
| 9.8.0 | <p>KN advised that he might not be available to continue leading his focus group due to work commitments in which case ET would take the lead role.</p> |
| Ref. | Date of Next Meeting |
| 9.9.0 | <p>The date for the next meeting was agreed to be Thurs 5th June 2014 7.00pm at the Village Hall finish by 9.00pm.</p> |