

NEW BOLSOVER JOINT PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the New Bolsover Joint Partnership Committee held in Chamber Suites 1 and 2, The Arc, Clowne on Thursday 3rd March 2016 at 1400 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:-

Councillor M.J. Ritchie in the Chair

Councillors R.J. Bowler and D. McGregor

Bolsover CVP:-

J. Holmes (Community Organiser)

Derbyshire County Council:-

A. Gilbert (Historic Buildings Architect)

Officers:-

P. Campbell (Assistant Director of Community Safety and Head of Housing (BDC)), K. Wyatt (Conservation Manager), J. Jackman (Asset Management Officer), E. Leddy-Owen (Fuel Poverty Coordinator), M. Dungworth (Strategic Repairs Manager) and A. Brownsword (Governance Officer)

8. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J.A. Clifton, T. Munro and B.R. Murray-Carr. An apology was also received from S. Ward (Friends of New Bolsover)

9. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business.

10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

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11. MINUTES – 23RD JULY 2015

Moved by Councillor D. McGregor and seconded by Councillor M.J. Ritchie

RESOLVED that the minutes of a meeting of the New Bolsover Joint Partnership Committee held on 23rd July 2015 be approved as a true and correct record.

12. NEW BOLSOVER HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND PROJECT

The Conservation Manager noted that the HLF Bid had been successful and staffing arrangements were now in place. A part time Training and Volunteer Coordinator would be in post by the end of April.

The Community Organiser (CVP) gave an update of activities and events which had taken place or had been planned for the next year. The Friends of New Bolsover Group continued to grow and was currently meeting once a month at 157 New Bolsover. The Chair of the Group had been a finalist in Elastic FM's 'Volunteer of the Year' and had attended 'Budget Buddy' training. A Christmas event had taken place at 157 New Bolsover which had been well attended.

A community clean up event was planned for 5th March 2016 to tie in with the 'Clean for the Queen' events. Work was also ongoing within the Primary School to raise awareness. Following the success of last year, another Big Lunch was being organised which was to be themed on the Olympics.

The BBC had been on site filming for the Inside Out programme which would be aired later in the year, after a follow up visit.

The Asset Management Officer noted that a Housing Officer was to visit every property, if possible to answer any technical questions. So far a mainly positive response had been received. It was also hoped to find out whether people were willing to move more than once.

The Assistant Director – Community Safety and Head of Housing (BDC) informed the Committee that a final specification had been received from the architects and were currently being checked. The Executive Director – Operations had approval to appoint the contractor once all the evaluation had been carried out.

The Conservation Manager noted that draft contracts were to be sent to private owners who needed to access grants. There was no clawback and the terms were that the property must be insured and maintained for 20 years. This would be coupled with possible enforcement action.

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The Assistant Director – Community Safety and Head of Housing (BDC) explained that there would be a local letting policy in place once the works had been completed. Some of the properties may be reclassified from 3 to 2 bedroom houses to make them easier to let. It was hoped that the project would maximise good tenants who wanted to live in the area. Right to Buy could not be restricted, but a minimum purchase price to cover the monies spent could be imposed.

The Chair expressed his thanks to the Officers and the Community Organiser (CVP) for all their hard work.

Moved by Councillor D. McGregor and seconded by Councillor R.J. Bowler

RESOLVED that (1) the importance of New Bolsover and the need for investment to keep and maintain this valuable asset be recognised,

(2) the delivery of this significant project be supported.

The meeting concluded at 1435 hours.