

NEW BOLSOVER JOINT PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the New Bolsover Joint Partnership Committee of the Bolsover District Council held in the Council Chamber, The Arc, Clowne on Thursday 29th September 2016 at 1000 hours.

PRESENT:-

Bolsover District Council Members:-

Councillor M.J. Ritchie in the Chair

Councillors R.J. Bowler, M. Dixey, D. McGregor, T. Munro, B.R. Murray-Carr, and S. Peake

Bolsover CVP:-

J. Holmes (Community Organiser) and E. MacPherson (Training and Volunteering Coordinator)

Friends of New Bolsover:-

R. Jourdain

Bolsover District Council Officers:-

P. Campbell (Assistant Director – Community Safety and Head of Housing (BDC)), K. Wyatt (Conservation Manager), J. Jackman (Asset Management Officer), M. Dungworth (Strategic Repairs Manager), M. Connley (Special Projects Officer), M. Baker (Principal Building Surveyor) and A. Brownsword (Senior Governance Officer)

Also in attendance with the permission of the Chairman was Dennis Skinner MP.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J.A. Clifton and M. Dixon.

2. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

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4. MINUTES – 3RD MARCH 2016

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of a meeting of the New Bolsover Joint Partnership Committee held on 3rd March 2016 be approved as a true and correct record.

5. NEW BOLSOVER HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND PROJECT

The Conservation Manager informed the meeting that Bolsover CVP had appointed a new Training and Volunteering Coordinator to assist the Community Organiser.

R. Jourdain informed the meeting that a structure was now in place. Projects included a volunteering Time Bank, heritage work and heritage crafts. There was a core of residents keen on the history of New Bolsover and building community spirit. Thanks were given to Councillor Dixey who had been instrumental in organising sand bags for residents to deal with localised flooding that sometimes occurred in the lower corner.

The Community Organiser noted that a Random Acts of Kindness Project had been carried out in July to coincide with the Bolsover Food and Drink Fair. A Christmas event was being organised and it was hoped to include the residents of Carr Vale.

The Training and Volunteering Coordinator explained that Bolsover CVP was working with Friends of New Bolsover to try to recruit volunteers. The Time Bank has been created and 177 hours had been exchanged up to the end of September with up to ten volunteers.

A Craft Group and a Genealogy Group had also been established. A 'Super kitchen' demonstration involving children had taken place and Budget Buddies were being trained. Links were being established with Bolsover Castle and a Walking for Health Training event with ten volunteers had taken place at the Castle. More events such as clean ups were to be planned with the Castle.

There were hopes to create a Community Garden and rent some allotment space. Following the creation of the Community Garden, it was hoped to recreate Well Dressings. The Scouts were also interested in the possibility of a Community Garden.

The possibility of a Lantern Parade was being investigated and a Christmas Tree on the green. It was hoped to access hard to reach residents and create links with other support services.

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The Community Organiser noted that works to the Castle Leisure Park were due to commence after Christmas. The plans for Vale Park were good with different areas for different age groups. It was hoped to run a tuck shop at the Castle Leisure Park, although there were some concerns regarding traffic.

Concerns were also expressed regarding the shared sewer which belonged to Yorkshire Water and the Assistant Director – Community Safety and Head of Housing (BDC) noted that Derbyshire County Council (DCC) had taken responsibility for the road and would clear the drain. The sewer was also a bottleneck which could get overwhelmed in times of heavy rain. Yorkshire Water would be contacted to investigate further.

The Conservation Manager noted that DCC had cleared the drains and was aware of its responsibility to resurface Piano Row. There was a provision for Woodheads (the New Bolsover works contractor) to liaise with Yorkshire Water regarding the sewers.

Members gave thanks for the report and asked whether consideration had been given to accessing any funding available for WW1 events as it was the centenary. The Heritage Lottery Fund had monies set aside for such projects.

The Conservation Manager noted that the Council were delighted that Woodheads had been announced as the contractors for the works at New Bolsover. They had spent over 220 hours putting the contract together. Phase 1 properties had already been identified and there had been a lot of work involved in trying to clear the blocks to enable the works to take place. Residents were given the choice whether to move once or twice.

The site compound would be constructed in October and Woodheads were committed to training up to five apprentices. There would be opportunities for both local labourers and trades people. A Resident Liaison Officer would also be employed, as well as an Admin Assistant.

56 Owner Occupiers were eligible for a full grant for the works and to date, 52 had signed up. The current Community House at 157 was to become the show home, so the Community House was to temporarily relocate to 179.

R. Jourdain noted that it was hoped to take New Bolsover from a last resort to be a desirable community. Friends of New Bolsover would welcome the opportunity to help formulate a local lettings policy.

Dennis Skinner MP compared the project to the upgrade of properties in Creswell Model Village and noted how successful the previous project had been. Houses were better than they had previously been and people wanted to live in them. This was a different economic climate. Involvement of local residents was very important

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and it was good to see local enthusiasm. An invitation was extended to Bolsover CVP and Friends of New Bolsover to take part in a guided tour of the House of Commons.

Moved by Councillor D. McGregor and seconded by Councillor M. Dixey

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 important project be supported.

The meeting concluded at 1056 hours.