

NEW BOLSOVER JOINT PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the New Bolsover Joint Partnership Committee of the Bolsover District Council held at 133 New Bolsover, Bolsover on Thursday 15th March 2018 at 1000 hours.

PRESENT:-

Bolsover District Council Members:-

Councillors R.J. Bowler, M. Dixey, M. Dooley, T. Munro, S. Peake, M.J. Ritchie and J. Wilson

Robert Woodheads:-

D. Taylor (Resident Liaison Officer)

Friends of New Bolsover:-

M. Green

Bolsover District Council Officers:-

P. Campbell (Joint Head of Housing and Community Safety), K. Wyatt (Project Manager (New Bolsover)), M. Dungworth (Strategic Repairs Manager), M. Connley (Special Projects Officer), M. Phillips (Clerk of Works) and A. Brownsword (Senior Governance Officer)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D. McGregor and A.M. Syrett

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Moved by Councillor R.J. Bowler and seconded by Councillor S. Peake
RESOLVED that Councillor T. Munro be elected Chairman of the New Bolsover Joint Partnership Committee for the ensuing year.

Councillor T. Munro in the Chair

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Moved by Councillor T. Munro and seconded by Councillor S. Peake
RESOLVED that Councillor M.J. Ritchie be appointed Vice Chairman of the New Bolsover Joint Partnership Committee for the ensuing year.

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4. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

6. PROJECT UPDATE COMMUNITY HOUSE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT POST CVP LETTING AND MARKETING

The Project Manager (New Bolsover) presented the report which provided Committee with an update on the New Bolsover Heritage Lottery Fund Project.

Community Engagement

The Team had been shocked to hear that Bolsover CVP had closed on 4th January 2018 with the loss of the officers who gave community support and training/volunteering opportunities to the project. The Coalfield Regeneration Trust (CRT) had agreed to host a Community Organiser and the post would be advertised w/c 9th April 2018.

The Chairman asked whether there would be Member involvement in the recruitment of the Community Organiser and the Joint Head of Housing and Community Safety noted that this could be incorporated.

A business plan for a permanent community house at 126 New Bolsover was being created and quotations for the preparation of the plan had been requested. It was hoped to increase usage and the number of events to be staged.

The following events/projects were taking place:

- Community Film
- Oral History Project
- Work with Primary Schools
- Heritage Craft Group/Genealogy Group
- New Bolsover Community Engagement and Public Realm Steering Group

Friends of New Bolsover

Mr. M. Green informed the Committee that there were many future projects planned and a strong board was in place to work for the residents. The 4th Big Lunch was planned for 12th August 2018 and it was hoped to coincide with the opening of 126. A good working dialogue was in place with Woodheads, but ideas were in limbo until a permanent base was in place.

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Building/Technical Work

A restructure of the delivery team at Robert Woodheads had taken place (circulated) and a new Resident Liaison Officer had been appointed.

The Resident Liaison Officer noted that she had been on site for a week and a half, most of which had been spent in the necessary inductions. A new programme of works had been agreed which would be adhered to. It was an intricate project and it was hoped to keep residents better informed in future.

The Joint Head of Housing and Community Safety noted that there had been issues with timescales, quality of work, problems with sub-contractors and understanding the complexity of the work required. Woodheads had been open and frank and a new timescale was required which would be publicised to the residents.

A discussion took place regarding gully clearance and the responsibility of DCC. DCC had now accepted ownership of Piano Row and the road would be resurfaced in the next financial year. No flooding had taken place since DCC had cleared the gullies.

The Project Manager (New Bolsover) noted that a drainage survey was being carried out to understand the drainage system in place at New Bolsover. The Strategic Repairs Manager also noted that a meeting was to take place with DCC to look at the surface of the footpaths around New Bolsover and carry out a Health and Safety Assessment.

Tenancy Issues/Letting Policies

The Joint Head of Housing and Community Safety informed the Committee that Council had approved a new letting policy for New Bolsover. Internal processes were in place and publicity and letting signs were available for when the first properties were ready. It was hoped to build a pool of local people who were interested in moving to New Bolsover. Many of the properties had been reclassified as two bedroomed and it was hoped that this would make them easier to let.

Communication

The Project Manager (New Bolsover) informed Committee that a number of methods of communication were being put in place, including:

- Regular drop-in sessions for residents – hosted by BDC Housing and Woodheads
- A Meet the Contractor event at Bainbridge Hall on 19th April 2018
- Weekly Programme updates posted on notice boards and Facebook
- Residents views were also being sought on the production of the newsletter and Friends of New Bolsover were interested in taking on the production of the newsletter.

A discussion took place regarding how useful a weekly programme update would be and a fortnightly update was suggested.

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The BBC Inside Out programme had aired, it was a positive piece and could be viewed via the Iplayer. The Chairman suggested that the piece could be shown at Council, along with an update on the project to Members.

Moved by Councillor T. Munro and seconded by Councillor S. Peake

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

7. SOCIAL VALUES

It was noted that Woodheads produced a monthly update report which was circulated to residents. Projects were also carried out with local schools and 2 way communication meetings took place.

It was suggested that future meetings of the New Bolsover Joint Partnership Committee took place at Bainbridge Hall.

Moved by Councillor T. Munro and seconded by Councillor M. Dooley

RESOLVED that future meetings of the New Bolsover Joint Partnership Committee take place at Bainbridge Hall where possible.

The meeting concluded at 1050 hours.