

NEW BOLSOVER JOINT PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the New Bolsover Joint Partnership Committee of the Bolsover District Council held in Bainbridge Hall, Carr Vale, Bolsover on Thursday 5th July 2018 at 1000 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:-

Councillors M. Dixey, T. Munro and J. Wilson

Friends of New Bolsover:-

S. Sparks-Green

Other:-

D. Worland (Community Engagement Officer), S. Redding (Business Planner)

Officers:-

P. Campbell (Joint Head of Housing and Community Safety), I. Barber (Property Services Manager), K. Wyatt (Conservation Manager), M. Dungworth (Strategic Repairs Manager), C. Baker (Contract Administrator/Building Surveyor), M. Phillips (Clerk of Works), E. Owen (Home Improvement Coordinator), A. Brownsword (Senior Governance Officer) and L. Robinson (Accountancy Assistant)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R.J. Bowler, J.A. Clifton, H.J. Gilmour, M.J. Ritchie and A. Syrett.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Moved by Councillor J. Wilson and seconded by Councillor M. Dixey

RESOLVED that Councillor T. Munro be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Councillor T. Munro in the Chair

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

Moved by Councillor T. Munro and seconded by Councillor J. Wilson

RESOLVED that Councillor M.J. Ritchie be appointed Vice Chair 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. MINUTES – 15TH MARCH 2018

Moved by Councillor M. Dixey and seconded by Councillor J. Wilson

RESOLVED that the minutes of a meeting of the New Bolsover Joint Partnership Committee held on 15th March 2018 be approved as a true and correct record.

7. NEW BOLSOVER HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND PROJECT

This report included an update on agenda items 6 to 11.

1. Building/Technical Work Update

The Property Services Manager informed Committee that the new site team had now been formalised and a new Site Manager was in place who had made a positive change to the culture on site.

Cleanliness on site and work habits had been raised and completed properties were being handed over in better condition. The next batch were to be looked at for snagging issues next week. A project plan was now being produced for each individual property. The representative of Friends of New Bolsover noted that the site was looking cleaner and a more positive attitude was present.

The Property Services Manager introduced the Contract Administrator/Building Surveyor who would be working with the Clerk of Works to manage the contract. The Resident Liaison Officer employed by Woodheads had left and temporary arrangements were now in place as recruitment took place.

The Property Services Manager noted that the Council was aware of the comments on Facebook regarding contractors using bins to dispose of building waste and instructions had been issued to stop this from happening again. The instruction had also included a reminder regarding offsite parking.

2. Community Engagement

The Conservation Manager introduced the new Community Engagement Officer who would be working with the community to deliver the actions set out in the Activity Plan and offer training and volunteering opportunities.

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The Community Engagement Officer noted that the first weeks in post had been spent finding the way round New Bolsover and talking to residents. Issues raised had been fed back to the contractors.

Work was continuing on the Community Film and the Oral History Project (Whispers from the Model) and it was hoped to showcase both at the Heritage Open Day. The Heritage Craft Group was continuing to meet.

A three day visit from New Bolsover Primary School had been very well received and a resource box was being created to present to the school before the end of term. A visit from Year 7 from the Bolsover secondary school had also taken place which had been very well received. Palterton Primary School had also visited the site with a group of Yr 5/6 children.

3. Friends of New Bolsover

Friends of New Bolsover continued to meet. The Big Lunch had been moved to 8th September 2018 to coincide with the Heritage Open Day and the opening of the Community House. The group was currently collecting historical items to keep in the house. A Business Plan was being created to hopefully ensure the future use of the Community House. The 'Back to the Roots' allotment project had started and there was to be a donation from Dobbies Garden Centre.

A meeting had also taken place with the Carr Vale Residents Association and the Police Commissioner. Residents were to be given speed camera training.

4. Community House

The Business Planner who had been commissioned to put together a business case for the Community House was introduced. Work was ongoing with the Community Engagement Officer to understand the needs of potential users and look for income possibilities which would be sustainable. The issue of connectivity was still to be sorted and how the house was to be run.

Talks needed to be held with other partners and potential end users who may be able to deliver services. Many different groups were interested in providing services. An interim report would be produced.

A question was asked whether there had been any Credit Union involvement and it was noted that contact was to be made.

The Representative of Friends of New Bolsover noted that following the completion of the houses, a project would be undertaken to do up the green. The Strategic Repairs Manager noted that Travis Perkins had a pot of money which could be used for community projects and there may also be funding available from Efficiency East Midlands Community Fund, however this was allocated via a competitive bidding process.

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5. Tenancy Issues/Letting Policies

The Tenancy Management Officers had held drop-in surgeries at the Community House to discuss local issues including anti-social behaviour and tenancy issues. Turnout had been disappointing, but the estate was currently only half full. Regular visits would continue.

6. Communication

The New Bolsover Informer was being circulated on a monthly basis, the Community Engagement Officer needed a page to provide information to residents.

A 'Meet the Contractor' event had taken place and feedback had mainly been around communication, private residents information and snagging.

7. Social Value

A copy of the Social Value report was attached to the report and the Heritage Lottery Fund was pleased with the progress made so far. A traineeship had been offered by Woodheads which had turned into full time employment.

Moved by Councillor M. Dixey and seconded by Councillor J. Wilson

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

(2) Members support the delivery of this significant project.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Chairman's Events

The Chair noted that as part of the Chairman's fund raising for the current year, an event was being held on 19th October 2018 to showcase talent within Bolsover. It was suggested that some of the projects underway in New Bolsover could be included.

RESOLVED that the Conservation Manager liaise with the Arts Officer.

2. APSE AWARDS

The Property Services Manager noted that an application regarding the project had been submitted to the APSE awards. It was hoped to hear whether the application had been shortlisted soon.

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3. Historical Items

The Representative of Friends of New Bolsover requested that if anyone had any historical items that could be donated to the Community House, they would be greatly appreciated.

The meeting concluded at 1050 hours.