

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 14th March 2019 at 1000 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:-

Councillors R.J Bowler, .M. Dixey, T. Munro, S Peake and R Turner.

Friends of New Bolsover:-

S. Sparks-Green and M Green

Other:-

A.Gilbert (Derbyshire County Council Conservation & Design)

Officers:-

C.Baker (Contract Administrator/Building Surveyor), I. Barber (Property Services Manager), M. Dungworth (Strategic Repairs Manager),, E. Owen (Home Improvement Coordinator), L. Robinson (Accountancy Assistant) and K. Wyatt (Conservation Manager),

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J.A. Clifton, H.J. Gilmour, M.J. Ritchie, A.Syrett and J Wilson. P. Campbell (Joint Head of Housing and Community Safety), M. Phillips (Clerk of Works).

2. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Councillor Munro raised an urgent item of business brought to his attention by The Representative of Friends of New Bolsover Committee. They have produced a survey on the area regarding issues that both Private and Council Tenants are having with their properties. They explained that the list that was circulated at the meeting was not completely up to date and was just an overall view. He explained that overall people were satisfied, with just some individuals having problems.

Councillor Munro raised an issue from the list regarding the rudeness of the management team. The Property Services Manager explained that he would like more evidence to know who was making the allegations and then he would be able to resolve the situations between the Tenant and Woodhead's.

Councillor Munro also requested that Friends of New Bolsover provide another survey and findings to the next committee meeting.

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3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. MINUTES – 15TH January 2019

Moved by Councillor R.J Bowler and seconded by Councillor M. Dixey
RESOLVED that the minutes of a meeting of the New Bolsover Joint Partnership Committee held on 15th January 2019 be approved as a true and correct record.

5. NEW BOLSOVER HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND PROJECT

(I). 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.

The Property Services Manager gave an update that residents were happy with the ongoing work, the cleanliness on site and work habits had been raised and completed as properties are being handed over in better condition and the next batch's snagging issues have been completed.

The Representative of Friends of New Bolsover noted that the site was looking cleaner and a more positive attitude was present.

Councillor Munro made a comment that the availability of the Home Improvement Coordinator Officer needed to be publicised as he has been trained on helping tenants with condensation. It was agreed that in order to publicise this the Home Improvement Coordinator would attend the Friends of New Bolsover Monthly meeting on the 18th March 2019 to discuss this in further detail with the New Bolsover Tenants.

The Conservation Manager gave an update that the works were progressing at speed and there were only 2 blocks left to be scaffolded. She then explained that there has been an agreed process in place for private owners to report issues and a weekly update meeting has been organised to discuss all issues, relating to private properties and to track the progress on work which is attended by the Conservation Manager, Jack Snowdon, Rachel Child and Tyler Hackleton.

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(ii). Report of Project Manager

The Contract Administrator/Building Surveyor gave an update to the committee explaining that over the past month there had been massive improvements in works. The houses handed over were Plots 4C and 4D Numbers 72 to 102. There were no reports of any snagging issues.

Councillor Dixey made a comment that he had visited the area and got positive comments back from residents as they were very pleased and happy with the works.

The Contract Administrator/ Building then gave an update that now the team had been decided, there was a process in place so people would know who is in charge of what. Everything was being recorded in specific timescales. The new team had been receiving positive comments. She then explained that the 12 month defect inspections were currently taking place and they have had positive feedback with tenants commenting on how much money they were saving on their bills and how much warmer the properties were.

The Representative of Friends of New Bolsover noted that they would like to be kept informed with the progress of the area and how much work there was left to be carried out. The Property Services Manager explained that he would look at ways on how he can feed this information back to them as names and addresses could not be released due to data protection.

(iii). Community Engagement

The Conservation Manager gave an update that Nathan Culkin Shift Community Builder at Bolsover District Council was continuing to work with residents on the Model Village and Carr Vale with the aim of facilitating community activities and groups. Nathan had set up a meeting on the second Tuesday of every month to work with other partners in the area to ensure that all groups are working together for the community. She explained that Nathan was hoping to arrange a community Easter event.

(iv). Friends of New Bolsover

The Representative of Friends of New Bolsover noted that they have been on 126 Community Radio promoting their craft group and the area with help from Simon Redding (Monkey Park). They explained that they were looking at the identity of New Bolsover at the possibility of having their own badge or shield to promote the area through the Council.

Councillor Munro made a suggestion that the representative of Friends of New Bolsover should talk to Scott Chambers, Hayley Barnett at Bolsover District Council Communications team or Councillor S Fritchley (Portfolio Holder) with the possibility of them going to do some filming around the New Bolsover area to promote on Bolsover TV.

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The Representative of Friends of New Bolsover noted that they were in the process of taking out their own Informer, the name was to be decided by a competition that would be run in the 1st edition. They were hoping to promote walks and were in the process of working with Carr Vale to attract younger people to join, the committee was asked for further ideas on how this could further be promoted.

Councillor Peake made a suggestion that the Representative of Friends of New Bolsover should contact Bolsover Young Voice as they can promote surveys asking younger people what activities they would want in their area.

(v). History Group

The Conservation Manager gave an update that the History Group was continuing to meet monthly and were hoping to progress on a number of different projects. These included development of a resource pack for schools of information from the 1911 census, development of a changing landscapes exhibition to be displayed at Bolsover Castle, development of a website and developing links with other initiatives to promote the history of the Model Village.

(vi). Landscaping

The Conservation Manager gave an update their plans had been put on one side for a while as discussions were still ongoing with HLP and BSP consulting engineers regarding drainage proposals and general landscaping schemes for the green. They were looking at localised drainage for the play area. She explained that Nathan Culkin was involved in this and they were all putting ideas together for a solution going forward. They were hoping that there would be a meeting put together in late April / Early May for public consultation.

The Strategic Repairs Manager mentioned to the committee that there was a possibility of Travis Perkins supplying materials or offering money in return for advertising.

(vii). Community House

The Conservation Manager went through the final report that had been produced by Simon Redding (Monkey Park). The committee unanimously agreed that the report was very informative and works were progressing well.

The Strategic Repairs Manager noted that Travis Perkins had a pot of money which could be used for community projects and there might also have been funding available from Efficiency East Midlands Community Fund, however this was allocated via a competitive bidding process.

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(viii). Tenancy Issues/Letting Policies

The Contract Administrator/Building Surveyor gave an update that there had not been many issues and things seem to be going well.

The Representative of Friends of New Bolsover explained that he had been receiving complaints from annoyed residents regarding issues they had reported and not fulfilled, He was going to pass on a list of residents to the Contract Administrator/Building Surveyor who would then visit the appropriate residents to resolve their issues.

(ix). Evaluation

The Conservation Manager gave an update that Ruth Flood had been appointed to carry out interim and final evaluation reports for HLF on the project. Ruth was hoping to have this report finished by the end of March which was to gauge evidence that had been achieved and what other information that still needed to be gathered. She then explained that the interviews would not be taking place until the end.

The Conservation Manager gave an update that they are hoping to employ Simon Redding to help deal with the recommendations in the report.

Moved by Councillor R.J Bowler and Seconded by Councillor S Peake.

RESOLVED – That New Bolsover Joint Partnership Committee -

1. Recognise the importance of New Bolsover.
2. Support the delivery of this project

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(i). The Representative of Friends of New Bolsover asked the committee if it would be possible to have a list of all new residents that are moving onto the Model Village. Councillor Munro raised an issue regarding GDPR regulations, so the Strategic Repairs Manager made a suggestion that the representative of Friends of New Bolsover could write an introductory letter to the new residents that he will then pass onto them as they move onto the Model Village.

(ii). APSE AWARDS

The Property Services Manager noted that unfortunately the Council did not win the application regarding the project submitted to the APSE awards. The Council did however attend an event where a presentation of New Bolsover / Model Village was talked about and shared. The representative of Friends of New Bolsover had asked for a copy of this to put into the House.

(iii). Mr A. Gilbert from Derbyshire County Council Conservation & Design gave an update that they were very positive with the ongoing work and expressed an

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interest in having a look around the area with the representatives of Friends of New Bolsover and the Contract Administrator/Building Surveyor so he can have a look inside the properties.

(iv). 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 10:50 hours.