

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 18th July 2019 at 1400 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:-

Councillors Derek Adams, Rose Bowler, Anne Clarke, David Dixon, Chris Kane and Tom Munro.

Friends of New Bolsover:-

Nicola Goodlad, Martin Green and Sue Sparks - Green

Officers:-

Catherine Baker (Contract Administrator/Building Surveyor), Ian Barber (Property Services Manager), Mark Dungworth (Strategic Repairs Manager), Edward Owen (Home Improvement Coordinator), Matthew Philips (Clerk Of Works), Liz Robinson (Governance) and Kim Wyatt (Conservation Manager),

1. Appointment of Chairman.

Councillor Tom Munro informed the group that it had been the custom for the Chairman and Vice Chairman of BDC Planning Committee be appointed as Chairman and Vice Chairman of New Bolsover Joint Partnership Committee.

Councillor Tom Munro informed the working group that he had been appointed as Planning Committee Chairman for 2019/20 and Councillor Chris Kane had been appointed as Vice Chairman.

Moved by Councillor Derek Adams and seconded by Councillor Rose Bowler.

RESOLVED that Councillor Tom Munro be appointed Chairman of New Bolsover Joint Partnership Committee for the 2019/20 municipal year.

2.

Appointment of Vice Chairman

Moved by Councillor Tom Munro and seconded by Councillor Rose Bowler.

RESOLVED that Councillor Chris Kane be appointed Vice Chairman of New Bolsover Joint Partnership Committee for the 2019/20 municipal year

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3. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Adam Bailey, Graham Parkin and Sandra Peake.

4. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business raised.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

6. MINUTES – 15TH January 2019

Moved by Councillor Rose Bowler and seconded by Councillor David Dixon

RESOLVED that the minutes of a meeting of the New Bolsover Joint Partnership Committee held on 15th March 2019 be approved as a true and correct record.

7. NEW BOLSOVER HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND PROJECT

(I). Building/Technical Work Update

The Contract Administrator/Building Surveyor informed Committee that all building works are progressing according to the revised programme and it is intended that all external works will be completed by September 2019 with the internal programme being completed by December 2019. She explained that to date 15 private properties have been signed off internally with a further 20 properties awaiting front doors to be fitted and then these can also be signed off. Then in the next couple of weeks work is due to start on external snagging all properties.

The Conservation Manager informed committee 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, The Contract Administrator/Building Surveyor, Jack Snowdon, Rachel Child, Carlos Goudie and Tyler Hackleton.

A Representative of Friends of New Bolsover informed committee that most tenants / home owners have expressed their opinion on how fantastic the New Bolsover area looks.

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In response to a query raised by Martin Green (Friends of New Bolsover), the Conservation Manager replied that unfortunately the architect when producing his plans could not change the windows in the properties on the Sunnydale Plot.

(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. She then explained that most the properties have now been let and had been receiving positive feedback.

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 to committee that Nathan Culkin (Shift Community Builder) BDC has arranged a number of projects aimed at engaging the local community which includes an open house, sporting events over the summer holidays, where Fairtrade have offered free food, walking and cycling for health initiatives and a mental health awareness group.

(iv). Friends of New Bolsover

The Representative of Friends of New Bolsover noted that the community group is growing in numbers with a variety of local groups to include heritage craft group, history group and various others using the community hub and also external groups like the DCC Youth service, Ash gate Hospice and various others using the community hub.

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.

The Representative of Friends of New Bolsover explained to committee that they are putting plans together for the Big Lunch which will be held on Saturday 22nd September. They are hoping to have a dog show if this is agreed by Jill North of Derbyshire Dog Rescue, also for kids there will be bouncy castles, hook a duck, sports activities and lots more to keep them entertained and with food and refreshments available on the day.

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(v). History Group

The Conservation Manager gave an update to committee 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, collation of sources of historic information and developing links with other initiatives to promote the history of the Model Village.

(vi). Landscaping

The Conservation Manager gave an update to committee that a meeting had taken place on the 23rd May to gather ideas from residents on how they would like to see the green and play area developed in the future. She explained from this meeting a number of ideas were generated and recorded. A further meeting will take place on the 24th July to discuss these ideas.

Representative Friends of New Bolsover gave an update to committee that a steering group of residents had been set up to take the proposals forward they have identified that the main problems on the green are drainage, lighting and flowers. They have also identified that the play area needs to be repainted.

The Property Services Manager made a comment to the Friends of New Bolsover Representatives that the Environmental fund has been released so this might be a possibility for the Green at New Bolsover.

Councillor Tom Munro made a suggestion the Representatives Friends Of New Bolsover should contact Derbyshire County Council to see how many lights that they are responsible for on the Green.

(vii). Community House

The Conservation Manager gave an update to committee that Simon Redding from Monkey Park had been appointed 1 day a week until April 2020 to assist the Friends of New Bolsover Representatives to develop various community initiatives. She explained that Simon is currently helping the group to prepare funding bids and grant applications.

The Conservation Manager gave an update to committee that Friends of New Bolsover have decided to prepare their own monthly community newsletter, this has had nothing but positive comments by the residents and wider community.

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(viii). Tenancy Issues/Letting Policies

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

(ix). Evaluation

The Conservation Manager gave an update to committee that Ruth Flood had produced an interim internal evaluation document which she requested the committee to look at in Appendix 2. She explained that this document clearly demonstrates how much has been achieved so far and a final more detailed report will be produced at the end of the project.

Moved by Councillor Tom Munro and Seconded by Councillor Rose Bowler.

RESOLVED – That New Bolsover Joint Partnership Committee -

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

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(i) The Conservation Manager gave an update to committee that there had been an interim report produced on the New Bolsover Modern Village showing what the area was like before and now. It was agreed by committee that this report needs to be included for information.

(ii) The Representative Friends Of New Bolsover gave an update to committee that there had been 4 new groups using the facilities at the community house since September 2018, with a possibility of 3 new mother and toddler groups interested in using the facilities recently.

(iii) Councillor Tom Munro encouraged all the committee to read the report in great detail, especially looking at the progress of the properties before and after.

(iv) Councillor Tom Munro noted that he would like the Property Services Manager to write a letter of acknowledgement to Woodhead's expressing how grateful Bolsover District Council is with the work undertaken and the tremendous involvement with the New Bolsover community, noting the information in the report and there success of the award.

(v) Councillor Tom Munro wanted noting that he is now in a position to resume informal meetings with the Friends of New Bolsover Representatives, these meetings will be agreed by Councillor Tom Munro and the Friends of New Bolsover Representatives directly.

The meeting concluded at 15:00 hours.