

Garforth Neighbourhood Planning Forum

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 26th October 2015

Present :J. Andrews , J. Blake, L. Crosland, A. Hatton, N. Mason (chair), S. McQuire, D. Pitchfork, P. Roberts, M. Tonks, A. Tynan, R. Utley, S. Williams, D. Gluck (planning consultant).

Apologies: R. Best, C. Coyle, S. Lomas, J. Lawn

Declaration of interest: None

Minutes of last meeting: Accepted with note that M. Tonks had given his apologies for the meeting.

Matters arising (Items not on agenda)

1. MICE money had been received from Andrea and Stuart McKenna, this is to be used for room hire.
2. GSN: no further response to e mails sent to the planning department. S. McQuire had spoken with David Freely at the LCC drop in on 23rd October and was directed to the LCC website and a report written by Edge Analytics. This report informed the LCC decision to omit GSN from the Outer South East HMCA. The MP and cllrs. had also written but had not received a response. This continues to need further investigation.
3. Publicity events: 23rd October LCC event had been well attended although it was noted that a signing in book had been left on a table but people not directed to sign in by LCC. Sat 24th October outside the Co-Op had been attracted a steady flow of people. It was noted that there are many people in Garforth who are still unaware of the planning proposals. It was also noted that additional signs had been put up D. Pitchfork expressed concern that we need to ensure that messages are consistent. In this case they were.
4. The workshop arranged for 13th October had been cancelled by Mike Dando and David Gluck had been invited to continue his work with us.

David Gluck

David informed us that he had worked with Mike Dando on many occasions on Neighbourhood planning. At present he was helping several groups in Yorkshire including Kippax, Barwick & Scholes, Oulton & Woodlesford, East Keswick, Bardsey and Wetherby.

He offered to help the treasurer with future funding applications.

He would do a quick review of our work to date(R. Utley to forward our completed household survey)and help us move on swiftly. Following the forthcoming task group workshop he will summarise and produce a draft from which we would modify until it was in an achievable/ acceptable form for the Inspector. We would look at a vision,

objectives and policies. The date for this workshop was set for the 11th November 6.30 at Green Lane Primary Academy. Information gathered to date would be helpful
Action ALL sub groups.

David was asked questions on

Greenspace: we can designate greenspace and can investigate quantity already put forward. We cannot designate land in another parish and need to work with Aberford and other parishes to ensure that land is not 'sterile' and designated.

Action arrange to meet S. McQuire.

Sourcing information on other planning proposals/ issues through an official channel. We are entitled to receive actual planning application enabling us to comment but cannot influence other speculative proposals. Once we have started to write our plan we will be in a stronger position to influence

Following the first workshop we will draft a vision, objectives and policies, which will be amended until it is in an acceptable form. Possibly it could be put to Ian MacKay for comments.

We need to continue to produce newsletters and inform the public

Date for workshop 11th November 6.30

Formation of new groups

Nik explained the need for restructuring the groups within the Forum . Suggestions included an additional smaller ex steering group meeting frequently, a working and a writing group.. It was suggested that groups be formed from people actively involved. An e mail be sent to all groups explain the situation and inviting them to join the writing and working groups **Action N. Mason .**

Response to LCC public consultations: J, Blake explained the decision reached by the site allocation group to oppose the development on 1232b as our constitution included preserving the greenbelt wherever possible and we will propose possible development on brownfield. S. McQuire requested a small group be formed to produce the evidence which will inform our comments. L. Crosland, J. Andrews, N. Mason and D. Gluck volunteered to help. **Action S. McQuire**

AOB

GNPF e mails. We are experiencing problems sending out bulk e mails as large % are returned as non deliverable. A. Hatton explained that we need to contact g mail and request that we are allowed to be a bulk e mail group. It is also preferable to avoid Word attachments, change to pdf. A. Hatton to help sort. Action S. McQuire

Date of next meeting Wednesday 11th November 6.30 pm at Green Lane primary School . This will be a workshop session with David Gluck. Sub group members Please bring any information that you have gathered to date.