

Garforth Neighbourhood Planning Forum

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 16th April 2015

Present : J Andrews, R Best, J Blake, Liz Crosland, C Exley, J Ferguson. E
Grunwell, N Mason , S Lomas, S McQuire, P Roberts, (Secretary), Alan Tynan (
acting chair), R Utley (treasurer).

Apologies: C Coyle, JA Parsons, D Pitchfork, M Tonks. The chair read out D. LeRoy's letter of resignation from the Steering Group

Declaration of interest: None

Minutes of last meeting : Accepted

Matters arising:

Drop in session: Over 100 people attended and over 50 new members were recruited. See separate report.

Treasurer: R Utley has required paperwork and needs signatures to formally open a bank account for the forum **Action R Utley**

Grant application: A Tynan has met with M Dando and application forms completed and sent off a week ago. A response should be received within the next month. (paperwork to be circulated to steering group). This application is for £8,000 and can be used for room hire, publicity etc and professional support.

M Dando support: Many other planning groups in the area are supported by M Dando (planning aid England) A Tynan asked for the cost and detail of support that we could expect. This quotation was discussed and the chair asked for a vote to support the need for professional advice. This vote was carried unanimously . **Action A Tynan.**

Selection process for steering group: Following the resignation of D LeRoy and the non attendance of the vice chairs we need to appoint a new chair and vice chair. It was decided that due to the work involved the requests would be put to the members of the steering and sub groups. **Action S McQuire**

Sub group reports

Site allocation : Completed an audit of all sections of land which had been identified during the LCC site allocation process, this will help to respond to any future planning applications on these sites. They are developing a procedure for responding to all planning applications. They have been developing a vision and have been discussing how they will respond to the proposed new development. The group is well attended by a group of enthusiastic members

Parish council: .L Crosland read a report from C Coyle who reported that people at the drop in session responded in favour of Garforth having it's own parish council .

Leisure/ greenspace: E Grunwell reported comments received from the drop in session and suggestions included land on Wakefield road as a park, the information that Stock's land has a mine shaft which may effect future usage. The vision had been distributed to schools and

had been positively received. E Grunwell suggested contacting other planning groups who have a similar sub group. **Action S McQuire**

Traffic and transport: The group have been collecting data on accidents, engineering work, bus routes, however they require more direction from the steering group.

Healthcare group : plan to meet with GPs in area on 6th May, making contact with the NET team, childrens' services, local churches Health and Well being board contacts on LCC. And had discussed Planned to write a report on services in area and had discussed various publicity opportunities. C Exley also suggested reading the Rowntree report on sustainable development.

Retail; P Roberts reported a positive response at the drop in session, people had expressed concerns about the increasing number of hair dressing , beauty and charity shops on Main Street. Concerns also expressed about the future of the Miami site , the 2 proposed wind farms the distribution centre and parking issues.

Education: In D Pitchfork's absence no report.

Additional help required: We need people to help with membership, archiving, communications, publicity. R Best volunteered to organise publicity for the Forum, requests for other assistance would be put to all the Forum membership **Action S McQuire.**

AOB:

1. C Exley asked if other sub groups were considering environment issues as these would also involve other sub groups.
2. J Andrews reported that people at the drop in session had expressed concerns about proposed site allocations on the Garforth side of Kippax and reducing the green space between the two communities.
3. N Mason suggested that if we were not successful in obtaining a grant we could use some other plans from areas which have similar issues which have gone to referendum, these could provide structure to the steering group and provide guidance to sub groups.
4. R Utley requested signatures on the banking application forms
5. The chair suggested that other venues and days be considered for future meetings as some steering group members could not attend on a Thursday. The steering group members be consulted on other preferred days. **Action S McQuire**

Date of next meeting Thursday 21st May 2015 7pm Welfare Hall