

Garforth Neighbourhood Planning Forum

Minutes of meeting held on 30th October 2014

Present

Colin Mundy, Jacky Simpson, Jean Gray, Chris Lomas, Sue Lomas, Robin Best, Margaret Peplow, John Blake, Val Marshall, Trish Blake, Andy Cahill, Karen Harrison, Sheila Harrison, Malcolm Gardner, John Sherwan, David Pitchfork, Julie Lawn, James Langley, Tim Staddon, Christine Staddon, Pam Spetch, Bunt Crossland, Avis Ball, Liz Crosland, David Walker, Rosalind Walker, Margaret Benn, Christine Roberts, Paul Roberts, Fiona Sutton, Paul Exley, Cath Exley, Daniel Tynan, Mike Haw, Nigel-Ridley Ellis, Robert Utley, Emma Grunwell, Richard Clarkson, David LeRoy (Chair) Sue McQuire (secretary)

Apologies

Apologies including Andrea McKenna, Dave Clark, Chris Coyle, Kaxia Gardner, Nik Mason, Jane-Ann Parsons, Josie Andrews, Jessica Ferguson Charles Flegg

Minutes

David LeRoy welcomed everyone to the meeting, a first between the Steering Group and members of the Subgroups

He then introduced Shaun Hanson an independent consultant from Planning Advice Plus who gave a power point talk the scope of which was to highlight key principles involved in organising a neighbourhood Plan. The power point presentation will be sent out to all steering and subgroup members **ACTION** Sue McQ Secretary

Questions were taken and additional points mentioned were:

- In his experience personalities can affect teams, we all need to work together
- The written constitution can be changed
- We need to listen to all concerns, but consider the place of the topic within our remit
- Consider which topics will 'go the distance', we may not be able to address all concerns
- It is an opportunity to look at other initiatives on the 'back of the plan '
- Evidence and publicity and communication to all community is important
- We need detailed record keeping – an audit trail is required.
- Local council have a duty to provide information we seek
- Councils need evidence for their decisions
- If we have a contrary position to the council we need evidence ++
- We need to keep effective dialogues with local council
- The life of the plan will be 10 – 15 years
- We need to consult with other groups

- Developers should contribute to infrastructure and facilities
- We need protocols for communication
- We need to allow contributions from everyone involved
- Referendums need > 50% of people voting
- The Locality publication 'Neighbourhood Plans Roadmap Guide' downloaded from www.locality.org.uk was a useful starting point in producing a plan

Question time was limited and David LeRoy asked the members present to finalise their choice of subgroups (as some people had volunteered to join several subgroups) and get together with their respective subgroup leaders to arrange dates for sub group meetings.

The meeting closed approximately 10pm.