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NOTES OF MEETING

Meeting: Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting

Date & Time: Monday 31st July at 7.00pm

Place: Council Chamber, The New Town Hall, Commercial Road

PRESENT:

Chair: Cllr David Northam

Steering Group Members: Cllr Colin Huckle, Colin Marsh, Lara Wood, Penny Quilter, Phil Watts, Rob

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Project Support: Michele Williams, Jane Biscombe

Special Attendance:

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION	BY WHOM
1.	Welcome and Apologies:		
	David welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending these additional meetings.		
	Apologies were received from Cllr Ann Weaving, Michael Bevan and Paul Weston.		
2.	Minutes & Matters Arising:		
	Minutes of last meeting held 10 th July 2023 were approved as accurate.	Upload to webpage	Michele
3.	Strategic Environmental Assessment - Update:		
	The information given so far is not very informative as unclear what they are rating. Their report should be with us by 14 th so a briefing will be planned with Ryan Putt and colleagues after this.	Arrange briefing after 14 th	Michele
4.	4 th Engagement:		
	David explained that following a meeting with Jane there will be the following in respect of the public engagement, which will focus on the site development and local green spaces; - 4 drop-in sessions across weymouth to allow people to come ask questions, get clarification and for us to get their views / feedback on the sites; - A public meeting in the Council Chamber in an evening, with councillors and the public; - Displays in the libraries for a 2-week period which will give information about the upcoming drop-in's and public meeting.		

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	Michele looking at venues and to update group as soon as possible so members can put in their diaries.	Update group with dates	Michele
	Some discussion around whether we are veering from our aims and objectives — agreed to be mindful and include our A&O in the displays at all events. concerns raised that this is becoming very political, and this goes against what we aiming to achieve, David aware although it might appear this way, we do need to try ensure that any previous negative views are not repeated.	asap	
	Suggestion to also have some photos of other developments around Weymouth that have been positive i.e. Curtis Fields.		
	Meeting to be arranged for Friday to look at the draft display board information and any changes can be undertaken in a single process rather than bits coming in at different times.		
	The answers to the questions raised from the presentations from developers to be sent to SG. (CONFIDENTIAL)	Email responses to SG	Michele
5	Local Green Spaces – Approval of Sites for designation:		
	Discussion around paper circulated by Colin M on the submissions we have had and the decisions that he needs the groups confirmation that they agree. After discussion it was agreed that all sites recommended for designation in the consultant's report be accepted; that all borderline sites which merited protection by a policy be submitted for both LGS designation and coverage within a policy; those sites rejected by the consultant primarily due to size and interconnecting boundaries be confirmed as rejected.		
6.	Dorset Council Update: David advised that there is a meeting with Dorset Council set for 9 th August at 2pm – all welcome. Currently receiving conflicting information from different people at DC regarding the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) ranging from it has been undertaken, it's still in progress to it has not yet started? Japa is chasing DC and	Invite to SG	Michele
	it's still in progress to it has not yet started? Jane is chasing DC and hopefully we will get a response from them soon.	Chase DC for SFRA	Jane
	Discussion around former draft policy WNP17 which was withdrawn temporarily to allow the SEA to proceed. Comments by Dorset Council on the lack of heritage policy given this is included as a key aim were acknowledged. To consider action on Local Listing as DC actions appear to have stalled due to lack of funding.	Contact Graham Perry	Colin M
	Conservation Area status also needed to be considered as did the issue of Character Areas and Design Guidance.		

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C	polices with NC and had identified 4 areas where WNP policy		
	coverage was considered inadequate.		
Т Т	To question DC on how they are going to protect our Conservation	CM/PW to	Colin M
aı	areas. Paul and Colin to continue engagement.	discuss policy	
7. C	Comms – Endorsement of papers on LGS & Community:	options	
/ .	comms – Endorsement of papers on Eds & Community:		
TI	There has been an issue with The Dorset Echo as they seem to have		
st	stalled on the agreement about the publications on the themes –		
e	editor is away so nothing has been published.		
	Michele to circulate the two already created to SG	Circulate Press	Michele
		Releases	
To	To consider use in other media outlets if no response from Echo.		
		Comms Officer	Sarah
8. D	Oraft Policy to replace WNP13:	to follow up. Incorporate as	
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D	Discussion and policy agreed.	policy in	
		revised draft	
		NP	
9. U	Jpdate on Forward Plan:		
D	Due to circumstances, there has been the need to move the		
ti	imeline a week further. Could potentially be longer but if we aim		
fc	or one week then more focus to get things completed.		
R	Rob enquired as to whether we were still going to include a 'How		
G	Green is Our Plan' to the "Other" section of the timeline – David		
	apologised as he had not gotten round to that – will update for next	Update	David N
	meeting.	timeline	
10. P	Project Meeting – Review of Risk Register:		
N	Not yet been held primary issue is to maintain public involvement		
aı	and engagement as the priority.		
11. A	Any Other Business:		
N	No pressing matters were raised.		
12. D	Dates of Future Meetings:		
N	NOTE: CHANGE TO NEXT MEETING		
	Date: Tuesday 29 th August 2023		

ITEM		DISCUSSION	ACTION	BY WHOM
	Time:	7pm		
	Venue:	Council Chamber		
	Date:	Monday 18 th September 2023		
	Time:	7pm		
	Venue:	Council Chamber		
	Date:	Monday 9 th October 2023		
	Time:	7pm		
	Venue:	Council Chamber		
	Date:	Monday 13 th November 2023		
	Time:	7pm		
	Venue:	Council Chamber		

Meeting ended at 9:10pm