

BIGGLESWADE TOWN PLAN STEERING GROUP MEETING

Monday 1 February 2010

Biggleswade Town Council Chamber 7.30 p.m.

Present: Gerry Lawrence – Chair, Sheila Grayston, Nicholas Titley, Martin Humberstone, Mike Strange, Doreen Evans, Kim Sadler, Mark Ty-Wharton, Helen Horner, Ron George, Pam Bagnall, Jemma McLean

Apologies: Sam Cauldbeck, Vic Brunt, Eric Stuart, Andy Buckley, Alan Dansey

Minutes: E-mailed to members prior to the meeting. Agreed subject to amendment - include Kim Sadler in attendance
Proposed by Doreen. Seconded by Mike Strange

Matters arising: No matters arising.

Agenda 5: No volunteer to take on this role. It was agreed this remain an “open agenda item” until the post is filled. Sheila Grayston to continue to take notes.

Agenda 6: Gerry Lawrence reported that the new design/materials for the junction of The Baulk and London Road was being submitted to the Biggleswade Town Council for consideration. The junction of Sun Street and Shortmead Street – technical checks still being carried out by engineers. A further report from Highways Dept was due in March 2010. Biggleswade Healthcare – no further information until NHS meet in late March 2010. Consultation – BIGG Picture – planned for Saturday 27 February – possible venue is Woolworth’s. Draft document, via Savills, is being revised by officers at Central Bedfordshire Council, and the information gleaned from the Town Plan Steering Group Questionnaire has been included.

Agenda 7: Apologies had been received from Sam Cauldbeck – baby Cauldbeck due any day. No confirmation as yet from Town Council Finance Officer or Town Clerk that the additional £1,000.00 of funding had been received from Central Bedfordshire Council.

Agenda 8: There was a huge “vote of thanks” to Jemma McLean and her colleagues who organised and acted as facilitators at the recent Workshop held at St.Andrews Rooms. There was a good attendance with many organisations represented – actual attendance list to be circulated with contact details. All notes from the flip charts of each of the groups to be collated and circulated.

Agenda 9: A presentation of the Sport, Leisure & Culture Plan that has been agreed by Biggleswade Town Council was given by Nicholas Titley and Martin Humberstone. Several hard copies of this plan were given out at the recent Workshop. The Town Council had funded and submitted a planning application to Central Bedfordshire and this was due to be heard on 4 February.

Agenda 10: Any Other Business: -

Mike Strange submitted his Observations of the questionnaire and action plan. Group need to ensure all aspects from the Questionnaire have been included and prioritised for mid and long term issues. Jemma agreed to review Mike's observation and priority list and will circulate these to members for the next meeting.

Gerry Lawrence suggested there should be a link up of "green issues" to ensure information from Green Infrastructure is also included.

Who will produce the final plan? The Town Plan Steering Group with help and support from Jemma McLean.

A "walks leaflet" was being produced, with some funding from BRCC by Gerry Lawrence and the P3 Group.

Mark Ty-Wharton circulated a paper in respect of his proposal for a Biggleswade Transport Museum which would include training and work placement for people with Autism. It was suggested be make contact with Jeffrey Scott-Coomber regarding his collection of vehicles, and Jemma said she would seek help for the project via BRCC.

Mike Strange proposed having a Biggleswade information web site via Town Plan Steering group. This would be a natural progression from the Town Plan web site to provide the information that residents were asking for. The suggested domain name would be www.Biggleswade-OurTown.info. This proposal was accepted by the group with an agreed budget of £40.00

Date of Next Meeting – MONDAY 1 March 2010
7.30 p.m at the Town Council Offices

Post meeting suggested domain names:-

www.Biggleswade-Info.info

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Post meeting info: CANCELLED – Public exhibition on 27 February at Ex-Bookworm Shop – it is hoped to re-arrange for April