

BIGGLESWADE TOWN PLAN STEERING GROUP MEETING

Tuesday 5 July 2010

Biggleswade Town Council Chamber 7.30 p.m.

Present: Gerry Lawrence – Chair, Sheila Grayston, Doreen Evans, Mike Strange, Andy Buckley, Nicholas Titley, Ian Bond, Jemma McClean, Vic Brunt, Alan Dansey, Mark Ty-Wharton

Apologies: Eric Stuart, Helen Horner, Kim Sadler, Pamela Bagnall

Minutes: Minutes for meetings held on 15 June 2010. It was agreed to amend minute of Agenda 8 to read “conclusions from the questionnaires survey will be available on-line via Town Plan Steering Group website in the near future. It was also agreed to amend minute of Agenda 9 “.... this data will be on the web-site in the near future.”

Matters arising: There were no matters arising

Agenda 5: No volunteers

Agenda 6: Gerry Lawrence advised that Central Bedfordshire & Savills public consultation at Bookworms on Saturday 3 July was very well attended – approx 700/800 people and they ran out of handouts/material by 10.45 a.m. Lots of support for more cycle paths, proposed Interchange at the rail station, pedestrian only market square and a health Centre in the centre of town. Officers of Central Bedfordshire Council & Savills were disappointed that the only councillors who attended were Wendy Smith and Sheila Grayston (Biggleswade Town Council) and Tricia Turner (Central Bedfordshire Council). The most asked question was “is something going to happen this time?” Andy Buckley said that when he was talking to Sam Cauldbeck of CBC he said he had not received a copy of the Green Infrastructure Plan.

Agenda 7: Jemma advised that the final draft of the Action Plan Tables – final 3 items to be agreed would be presented to Town Council on Tuesday 27 July 2010. She also advised that Cllr. Wendy Smith (Mayor) would like an additional column for “comments”. The group were concerned about additional columns as this would change the format of the Action Plan Tables. It was agreed that Jemma would contact Wendy Smith to clarify what she is asking for as it had already been agreed the Town Council would have a paragraph in the final document in which they could add comments. Some members of the group expressed concern that there had been no mention of this at the previous Town Council Meeting.

Agenda 8: Andy Buckley circulated examples of printing costs and various comparative cost options of different sizes of documents. The information issued by Andy had been obtained via <http://www.printing.com> website.

Mike and Andy were in the process of sorting suitable photographs and Mike also agreed to produce a map. It was also agreed that Mike would produce a 1 page history section. Gerry is responsible, with help from others, in writing the text both for the full and summary documents.

Agenda 9: It was agreed that Mike would download all information of the questionnaires from Survey Monkey in next few weeks in order the password for the facility could be changed.

It was also agreed that a provisional date of Saturday 11 September be the date for the final public consultation of the Action Plan Tables at Bookworms. Jemma would arrange the booking on behalf of the group. It was also agreed that the group would supply and deliver leaflets to ensure a good response.

Mike advised that there were about 35/40 hits a day on the TPSG web-site and many on Saturday after the CBC exhibit at Bookworms.

Agenda 10: Date of next meeting: Monday 2 August 2010