

## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Steering Group of Haslemere Vision held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, 22 January 2014**

**Present:** Stewart Brown, Lesley Banfield, Matthew Bowcock, Andy Braithwaite, Ken Griffiths, Peter Isherwood, Cyndy Lancaster, Libby Piper, David Round, Robert Silk, David Simmons and Diana Vartan

Crawford Christie and Robert Serman were in attendance.

1. **Apologies:** John Moxon, Richard Oldham, Vicki Purewal and John Robini

2. **Minutes of the last meeting** were approved.

3. **Matters arising**

### Working groups

Details of membership remain to be updated. SB also noted the importance of establishing regular contact with other volunteers not currently on one of the work groups. This was particularly important ahead of the planned restructuring of the work groups. Richard Oldham has agreed to take on the task of establishing a revised database and managing on-going contact.

**Action: SB to forward contact lists to RO**

4. **Future development of Haslemere Vision**

The Process Leadership Group had still not agreed how to present the 'alternative futures' and the trade-offs between them in the May consultation. Though this is now urgent SB proposed that it should not delay the completion of the tasks required of the current Work Groups. He presented a recommended programme (attached). This work should be completed whilst other ideas for the composition of the new Work Groups are finalised, by the end of February. It was queried whether we need six weeks in which to complete this but it was thought this time was realistic given the fact we were working with volunteer membership.

It was noted that we have not yet produced any policies and that the issues so far raised by the Work Groups are merely starting points. It was agreed that the purpose of reconfiguring the Work Groups to include members drawn from all current groups is to ensure that policies are produced that take into account the relevant cross cutting themes and trade-offs.

It was suggested that we run the risk of over consultation and that we should move forward as quickly as possible, however imperfect, to produce policies with which the community can engage.

**The meeting agreed to the proposed timetable.**

**Action: Work Groups to complete the tasks in the attached programme by end February 2014. Process leadership Group to finalise proposals on futures and structure of Work Groups by mid-February so that they can be agreed at the SG meeting on 18 February.**

5. **Date and time of next Check Point**

It was agreed that the proposed Check Point meeting on 15 February be postponed.

**Action: Process Leadership Group to propose new date.**

6. **The Wey Hill Fairground**

SB thanked LB, DR AND KGri for the work they had done preparing a proposal for the meeting to consider. It was agreed to put a simple ballot to the community asking whether respondents agree that only the minimum necessary be spent to make the site safe before community consultation on alternative uses has been completed, or whether WBC should be given the go ahead for their proposed spend of £342,000. The wording and design of the ballot paper was discussed and agreed. There would be a map showing the location of the site on the back. DR pointed out that the deadline for submission of documentary evidence to the Planning Inspector was 24/25 February. It was agreed that we should aim to print and distribute the ballot in time to have secured adequate voter response so that the outcome could be lodged by the deadline.

**Action: DR and KGri to arrange printing and distribution of questionnaires. CC and LB to liaise in drafting a detailed consultation strategy.**

The meeting welcomed the initiative taken by RSe to set up a meeting to be held on 28 January with as many of the interested parties in Haslemere as possible to ensure a joined-up approach to the inquiry.

LP confirmed that HTC would be considering its response at the next Meeting of the Council.

The meeting congratulated LP and HTC councillors as well as KGri on their successful efforts to have the enquiry moved to the Royal School. LP confirmed that there would be parking made available at the Royal School for 500 cars with a Hopper bus service provided.

**7. The Police Station**

It was noted that this would like to be kept for community use and not sold off for residential development.

**8. Any other business**

Completion of the analysis of engagement data

CC and SB have this in hand. The result would probably not be available until some time in March. This would still allow any unforeseen issues that might emerge to be taken into account in drafting the material for the next round of consultation.

Proposals made by Work Groups

LB expressed a concern that members of HV should not hold out any particular view on issues like the MSCP as being an agreed or preferred HV view. HV cannot express a view on any issue until proper community consultation has been completed.

LB also expressed a concern that the views of some people on the work groups were not being adequately reflected in the minutes. It was agreed that any concerns on this matter should be dealt with within the relevant work group and SB urged that if anyone felt their views had not been represented they should put them clearly on the table so that they could be properly recorded. It is important that everyone feels they have a chance to have their say. All significant alternative views must be recorded in order that they may be considered in the next stage. Personal views are not relevant. HV is here to put forward the alternatives and facilitate the process needed to allow the community to express a view.

Charter Fair May 2014

It was agreed HV should be represented here.

**Action: DR to book a space for an HV booth.**

**9. Dates of next meetings**

Tuesday, 18th February

Wednesday, 19th March

Tuesday, 22nd April

Wednesday, 21st May

Tuesday, 24th June

..... all at 8pm at the Town Hall