

## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STEERING GROUP OF HASLEMERE VISION HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY 21st OCTOBER 2014**

**Present:** Stewart Brown (Chairman) Matthew Bowcock, Cyndy Lancaster, John Moxon, David Simmons, Robert Silk and Diana Vartan.

1. **Apologies:** Penny Bradley, Peter Isherwood and Richard Oldman.

2. **Minutes of the last meeting**

These were approved. It was noted that the usual monthly meeting held in September had been the public presentation of the results of the Stage1 Consultation held at The Georgian Hotel.

The meeting had been well attended by 43 volunteers and local residents and the presentation was followed by a lively and constructive discussion. The meeting recorded a vote of thanks to Crawford Christie for the speed with which the analysis had been completed and the excellent presentation of the results that can be found on our website.

3. **Matters Arising**

None

4. **Update regarding the timetable**

SB reported that, given the possibility of a delay in WBC finalising their current proposals on housing numbers due to the strength of the reactions of residents in several parts of the Borough, it was likely that the start of the HV Stage 2 consultation would be delayed further until early February 2015. Despite this delay it was still hoped to get the Draft Neighbourhood Plan approved by HTC by 31 July 2015. However it had been confirmed that once the plan is ready, there must be a statutory six week public consultation before it can be put to the external examiner. It was not felt that we should commence consultation during August and so it was now envisaged that public consultation would start early September 2015. This would mean that the plan will not now be ready for external review before the end of November 2015.

SB advised that the Option Development Groups had been slower to get started than had been planned and there was now a need for an immediate focus on getting the groups established, with the proposed options in the document drafted by the end of November. The first Housing Group and the Wey Hill Fairground Group had convened and made progress but the first meeting to set up the second Housing Group would take place tomorrow. No progress had yet been made in convening the Hindhead and Beacon Hill Group.

JM confirmed the groups that will develop policies on Local Business and Economy had started their work. DS advised that the Transport Policy Group would hold their first meeting with CC the following week. MB reported that two people had indicated a willingness to join him on the Community Action Policy Group but that he hoped to recruit one or two more. It was confirmed that the Policy Development Groups need to have their policy proposals ready for the Plan Editing Team by the end of the year.

5. **Organisation Issues**

**Terms of Reference**

SB confirmed that he would circulate the TORs to all members of the Steering Group for review. All members are invited to circulate any comments or suggested changes to the TORs by the end of October and it was agreed that the members of the Process Leadership Group should liaise to put together a recommendation on any revisions in time for the next meeting of the SG on 18 November.

**Action:** CC, RSi, JM and SB to submit revisions to the TORs by 10 November for circulation with the Agenda for 18 November meeting.

### **Haslemere Vision Ltd**

It was confirmed that eleven members of the Steering Group have now registered as members of HV Ltd. After discussion it was agreed that while HV Ltd continues to be principally engaged in raising and holding/disbursing funds, the present number of members was adequate but that the need for a wider membership should be reconsidered annually or at such a time as it is decided that the company be active in other ways.

It was reported that Richard Oldham had indicated regretfully that due to the pressure of his work at the Haslemere Hall he wished to step down as Company Secretary and Treasurer of HV Ltd. He had agreed to serve until a replacement was found.

**Action:** SB to advertise for a volunteer to take over this role.

### **Editor and Plan Drafting Group**

JM reported that three people had expressed an interest in being considered as Editor of the Neighbourhood Plan. The candidates had been interviewed by JM, RSi and SB and it was recommended that the SG invite Liz Burton to take on the role. It was envisaged that she will put together her own editorial team which will include one or two long serving members of HV. The meeting unanimously endorsed the recommendation.

**Action:** SB to invite Liz Burton to take on the role of Editor and contact the other candidates accordingly.

### **Sustainability**

SB confirmed that he was in conversation with a potential candidate to lead on sustainability. It is important that we establish, as soon as possible, what level of sustainability assessment we may need to produce.

### **6. "Youth Campus" and other community assets**

The question was raised as to whether or not we should register the Youth Campus as a community asset. It was agreed in principal, that this was probably a good idea but it was felt that we did not yet have the necessary information to make a decision. Robert Serman and Ken Griffiths have agreed to prepare the necessary application. It was agreed that they be asked to put a more fully considered proposal to the SG at the next meeting.

### **7. Any Other Business**

None

### **8. Date of next meeting**

**Tuesday, 18 November 2014**

Further dates:

Wednesday, 17 December

Tuesday, 20 January 2015