

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STEERING GROUP OF HASLEMERE VISION
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 17th DECEMBER 2014**

Present: Stewart Brown (Chairman), Matthew Bowcock, Lizzy Burton, Johnny Fry, Peter Isherwood, Cyndy Lancaster, David Simmons, John Moxon and Diana Vartan

In attendance: Stephen Mulliner and Robert Serman

1. **Apologies:** Penny Bradley, Vicki Purewal and Robert Silk

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

3. **Matters arising**

5.2 The position of Company Secretary and Treasurer to Haslemere Vision Ltd still remains open.

4. **Timetable and Progress Reports**

4.1 Update on Timetable

SM and PI advised that WBC have had to recognise that there are serious infrastructure and sustainability questions that have to be answered, particularly in relation to adequacy of road access in respect of Dunsfold, before they can finalise their proposals. We had already been advised that WBC would not announce their final housing proposals until sometime in March and SM and PI are now of the view that it may well be delayed further by the need to carry out a detailed transport study of Option 4 (as in the September consultation). Furthermore SM and PI now believe that, even though there are pressures on WBC to increase the overall housing number in the new Local Plan from 8,460 to 9,200 it is possible that, following the transport study, they may put forward a number lower than the 8,400 on sustainability grounds.

The effects of this uncertainty on HV's work in the coming months and on the timing of our Stage 2 Consultation were discussed.

- It was concluded it still makes sense not to consult on housing issues until after WBC have firmed up their housing numbers. This could push Stage 2 Consultation back till after the May election. It was agreed this will be our planning assumption but that this should be reviewed as the picture becomes clearer in the New Year.
- It was agreed whatever number WBC settle on for Waverley as a whole, the number of dwellings allocated to Haslemere is unlikely to vary sufficiently to change fundamentally the issues and options we face over allocating/accommodating housing. Therefore in order to keep the momentum going, we should stick as closely as possible to our present timetable for both the development of the options for inclusion in the Stage 2 Consultation, and the policies derived from the Stage 1 Consultation.
- A further possibility discussed was whether we should proceed with a separate, earlier, consultation on the Wey Hill Fairground. There would clearly be cost and time implications to this. It was agreed we should review this at the next meeting.
- The final conclusion reached was, whatever the delay caused by WBC's deliberations, we should use the time to review the emerging policies and options critically and test them with a wider audience.

It was agreed, therefore, each of the Option and Policy Development Groups should plan to hold a forum or workshop in the New Year. In addition it was agreed that a combined workshop with representatives from all the work groups is essential to ensure that the interaction of the emerging proposals is properly considered.

**Action: SB to organise joint workshop
Each Work Group to plan and organise their forum session during Jan/Feb 2015.**

4.2 Progress Reports from the Option Development Groups

Housing Group 1 (dealing with numbers and sites already identified by WBC)

This was on track to deliver draft option proposals for the Stage 2 Consultation document by the end of the month.

Housing Group 2 (dealing with possible additional sites and other planning issues)

Nothing further to report

The Wey Hill Fairground Group

A draft of the option proposals for the consultation document has been completed and will be circulated shortly.

The Beacon Hill and Hindhead Group

It was expected the results of their considerations would be available early in the New Year.

Action: SB to liaise with CC and ODG members to agree timetable for completing the draft proposals.

4.3 Progress Reports from the Policy Development Groups

Transport

DS circulated a document which proposed policies in respect of six key issues.

**Action: DS to circulate an electronic copy as soon as possible.
SG members to consider the document and respond with comments.**

Community Action Group

MB plans to produce a first draft proposal within the next few days which he will circulate to the CAG for comment before circulating more widely in the New Year.

Action: MB to produce draft.

Business and Economy

JM has produced a first draft which is being reviewed before being circulated more widely

4.4 Progress Report from the Editor

LBur reported that she had been researching housing trends and the need for affordable housing including visiting estate agents. She would shortly be in a position to publish her findings.

5. Sustainability

It was noted that HTC has formally requested a scoping opinion from WBC as to whether HV will need to carry out a SEA. All SG, PDG and ODG members were asked to review the Sustainability Project Brief prepared by Jane Devlin and respond with comments, particularly on the suitability of the proposed objectives listed in the table on page 3. CL reminded the meeting that these should be compatible with those set out in the 2012 Haslemere Design statement. Further discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

6. The 'Youth Campus'

RS reported that he was working with the many varied groups that use this facility, including St John Ambulance, Care Mini Bus, Scouts, Guides and Rangers, Adult Education, Air Training Corps and Montessori Nursery School. Their plan was to make a combined approach to WBC councillors. The aim would be to try and obtain alternative accommodation at Woolmer Hill School but this location is not nearly as accessible or convenient, particularly in the evenings.

It was agreed ideally youth facilities should be retained on the campus site but several present felt this should not preclude a combined development of the overall site to make better use of a key locality in the town including affordable housing. Whatever the outcome it was agreed that the site is an important asset for the community and the decision to apply to WBC to list it as a Community Asset was unanimously endorsed.

7. Any Other Business

None

8. Date of next meeting Tuesday, 20th January 2015

Further dates:

Tuesday, 17 February

Tuesday, 17 March

Wednesday, 15 April

Tuesday, 12 May

Wednesday, 17 June

Tuesday, 14 July

Wednesday, 19 August