

Minutes of the meeting of Olney Development Group
Held on Tuesday 26 April 2016 at 7.00 pm
at the Olney Centre

Present: Joe Stacey, Tony Evans, Chris Tennant, Colin Kempson, Heléna Newbold, Ann Walker, John Sharp, Helen Fudge, Rosemary Osbourne.

In attendance: Liam Costello (Town Clerk),

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. To approve the minutes of the Steering Group Meeting on 23rd February

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes subject to adding Helen Fudge to the list of attendees

3. To approve the minutes of the Development Group Meeting on 10th March

RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved subject to adding Rosemary Osbourne to the list of attendees, and removing Steve Clark.

4. Comments on NP consultation edition and its circulation

Joe Stacey talked through the process he proposed for the preparation of the consultation statement and publicity for the draft plan. The recent edition of the Phonebox contained an article, and the next edition would carry an advert publicising the draft plan and the drop-in session.

JSt has commenced work on the framework for the consultation statement.

5. Drop-in session on 7th May

JSt reminded members that the drop-in session would be held on Saturday 7th May and volunteers were needed.

6. Consultation statement document preparation

JSt already commenced work on producing the framework of the consultation statement. Work would continue and then incorporate the feedback from the formal 6-week consultation on the plan.

7. Comments on / additions to, possible projects list (attached)

JSt proposed a methodology for assessing projects to be delivered. He proposed listing all potential schemes and then seeking comments from members of the council and steering group. Projects to be assessed in a scoring matrix.

Question was asked about the relationship between the steering group and the development group being established by the town council.

Members were asked to put forward any ideas for inclusion on the list.

8. Initial views on priorities

Members discussed various projects for inclusion/priority. JSt circulated a list of possible projects for inclusion. A number ideas were discussed:

- Shared space on Market making it more pedestrian friendly
- Whirly pits improvements
- Planting schemes
- Running track
- Footpath along East side of town
- Parking / park & ride

Prioritisation should be driven by consultation results. List to be circulated for scoring.

9. Section 106 situation

JSt informed members that a meeting has been scheduled with Jonathan Robinson (MKC) and that the group will need to work closely with MKC on delivering projects.

10. Next steps

Meeting to be arranged with health and education officers

11. Any other business

JS would speak to Sam Dix about the appointment of the examiner.