

Lound Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Held on Thursday 25th January 2018 in Lound Village Hall at 8pm.

Present: Michael Naylor (Chair), Andrew Perkins, Colin Beaumont, Nick Prout, Rod Austin, Karen Pollard. Luke Brown and Will Wilson of Bassetlaw District Council.

Apologies Received: Carol Green, Bob Lane.

Declarations of Interest: Bob's completed Declaration Form lodged with Michael. All members have now completed these forms.

Minutes of Meeting held 5 December 2017: Confirmed as a true record.

Matters arising:- None outstanding other than covered by headings below.

Financial Report : Michael has submitted the end of term report to Groundwork UK. Arrangements made to return unspent grant monies of £6008.75 immediately.

Decision to re-apply for Locality/Groundwork UK grant after 1 April 2018 to coincide with their financial year.

We still hold £10,000 of Big Lottery grant to meet future expenditure.

AECOM Final Report on Site Assessments

Despite many hours of work, by various Steering Group members, spent correcting the three draft versions and exchanges of correspondence with AECOM, the Final Report (dated January 2018) still contains inconsistencies and conflicting information, although these are viewed as relatively minor. The Final Report has been approved by Locality without our specific agreement.

There remains a feeling of unease that categorisation of some sites may not be fully supported by the evidence. Luke expressed the view that categorisation is dependent upon the submissions of the statutory authorities and all agreed that publication of the Report at this stage might be misleading. Decision to release Final Report alongside the Technical Consultation and information/guidance notes for the Public Consultation.

Statutory Technical Consultation This is proceeding and, now the AECOM Final Report is available, should be concluded in 3/4 weeks.

Housing Needs Assessment Luke advised that a formal HNA undertaken by an external provider would be time-consuming, costly and unlikely to reach different conclusions to those in our Residents' Survey. The Residents' Survey contains sufficient research data and supporting evidence can be obtained from local sources including BDC.

Public Consultation Luke, Will and their colleagues have arranged an event on 15 March 2018 in Retford Town Hall to bring together the Steering Groups working on Neighbourhood Plans in Bassetlaw. The event will encourage each Steering Group to make a presentation of their progress to date to facilitate sharing of best practice.

Michael, Karen, Nick and Rod have agreed to attend and report back their recommendations to our meeting in March.

Action : Nick to circulate information from BDC to Michael, Karen and Rod. Then complete questionnaire and submit to BDC.

Rod pointed out that, since the Residents' Survey in June 2016, several properties had changed hands bringing newcomers into the village. This to be considered when planning the Public Meeting.

Publication of Reports and Public Meetings for site selection Probably in April. Details to be determined at meeting in March.

Date of Next Meetings: Thursday 22nd February 2018 at 8.00 pm. in the Village Hall and Thursday 29th March 2018 at 8.00 pm. in the Village Hall.