

Minutes of the meeting of Hungerford 2036 project team held on Wednesday 21st August 2019 at 7.00pm in RBFRS Community Room, Church Street, Hungerford

Present: John Downe(JD), Tony Drewer Trump (TDT), Chris Scorey (CS), Denise Gaines (DG).

Invited Guest: Cllr Martin Crane (HTC) and Mr David Small (CoC)

1. Apologies: Mike Hall

The minutes were deferred to later in the meeting so that the team could hear from Cllr Crane and Mr Small on the Theme 2 – Employment and Economy.

First JD outlined the progress so far with the Themes and objectives and mentioned the survey and responses that had been received.

Cllr Crane ask if we as a group knew the number of Business that pay rates in the town (that wasn't a question on the survey). There then proceeded to be a discussion on the sizes, numbers and locations of businesses in Hungerford and that there were probably far more than it was generally thought. It was also generally acknowledged that many businesses, as entities, had not completed the survey.

Mr Small said that the chamber of commerce had emailed the H2036 Themes and Objectives to their membership prior to this evening's meeting. They also discussed this at a recent meeting where five or six members offered to be part of a team to investigate further the employment and economy themes.

A Discussion also took place concerning the High street and also the job opportunities that were available within local business. It appears that a number of local companies are expanding and that this may have an impact of parking but also a positive impact on the High street.

The LEP (Local enterprise Partnership) was mentioned as a possible source of investment but with one "pot" of money for the whole of Berkshire it was concluded that smaller projects that are submitted would not be as favoured as larger projects which benefit a greater number of Berkshire residents.

JD agreed to speak the Gabriella Mancini (WBC) to arrange a survey of our local major employers regarding some of the issues that they are faced with such as growth, sustainability, parking etc

CS will collate details of the themes and objectives as distributed so that they can be discussed at the next CoC meeting in October (Done)

It was agreed to extend an invitation to Cllr Crane and Mr Small to our meeting in November – date to be agreed.

Cllr Crane and Mr Small left the meeting

2. **Agree the Minutes from the 24th July 2019**

Action: Redaction of survey comments – TDT and JD brought forward

Action: Digital map imagery needs to be pieced together DG brought forward

Action: JD arrange visit to Oxford Self build in September – Waiting for invite (**update invite received**)

Action: DG to speak to Mrs B about attending Town Council meeting on recycling (B/F)

Action: CS to wordsmith the document (done)

Action: JD look at criteria for energy regeneration (b/F) – Done and in criteria now

Action: Revisit theme 8 after other themes have been considered however there will probably be another round of draft policies from both central and local authority given the recent declarations of a Climate emergency.

Action: invite Cllr Crane and Mr Small to our next meeting (done)

Action: Query whether NWD AONB is a consultee in the Statement of Community involvement (done) The director Henry Oliver confirmed that they were not.

3. Consider any feedback or correspondence from:

- Allotments -emailed received from Mr Angel concerning consideration on provision of allotments in future developments.

DG to check on other Neighbourhood plans to check on allotment considerations

4. WBC Updates

- HELAA / Housing numbers dates this is not now anticipated until the end of the calendar year for housing numbers. Latest timescale for the HELAA is October.
- Landscape work – the Landscape sensitivity document produced in 2011 is still in force.

5. Transport Modelling- Any update from WBC – nothing to report

6. Review of draft policy theme 2 - Employment and Economy - drawn up by PlanET

- Discussion with Martin Crane and David Small - see previous details

7. Finalise Site Assessment Criteria and Publication plan

- **JD to check the scoring mechanism employed by WBC and due to time constraints agree via email.**
- **JD/TDT to present report progress to HTC on 2nd September.**
- **JD to arrange for a H2036/HTC consultation meeting for a date late September to discuss assessment criteria and outline post-HELAA publication plan with a view to presenting to full council 2nd October.**

Meeting closed 9.05pm