

Blandford + Steering Group Meeting

Friday 9th March 2018 at 10:00am

The Community Room (BFTC)

Attendees:

Sara Lock - Chair
Roger Carter
Carol Tompsett
Jon Dowty – O’Neill Homer
Sally Gardner

Apologies:

John Stayt
Haydn White
Bobby Church
Doc Addison
Malcom Albery
Linda Scott-Giles
Leani Haim – O’Neill Homer

Notes

1. Scope & Specification of new Neighbourhood Plan – REVIEW & APPROVAL

Reviewed at meeting and by email. Approved

2. Meeting with NDDC (scheduled for 10am on Thursday 5th April)

- Attendees will be: Sara, Roger, Leani, Sally. Dave Chetwyn (Urban Visions, Author of B+ Options Report for Locality) has agreed to facilitate on behalf of B+.
- A Skype meeting has been set up for 11am Tuesday 3rd April between attendees and Jon Dowty to brief Dave Chetwyn, and to agree the meeting strategy.
- Dave Chetwyn is currently reviewing Jon’s File Note (attached) and will feed back with comments / concerns to Sally. The six key points outlined in the note will then form the basis for the agenda with NDDC.
- Sally will send the agenda to NDDC in March.

3. Update on Locality funding and technical support

A diagnostic conference call was held on 28th Feb with Roger, Sally, Jon Dowty and AECOM (Locality’s technical consultants). The first Technical Support package was agreed at this meeting. AECOM will carry out a SEA/SA on the development sites identified in NDDC’s Issues and Options paper. NDDC’s current SA is focussed mainly on environmental issues. The aim of this work will be to provide an independent appraisal that balances environmental constraints against Social and economic need.

A request was also logged in this call for facilitation support from Dave Chetwyn (see meeting with NDDC above).

Progress has been slower than hoped, as Locality are currently in the process of shutting down the current NP grant/support scheme and setting up the new scheme (due to go live 1st April). As soon as the new scheme allows, Dave Chapman (our dedicated contact at Locality) will process the Technical Support package with AECOM and register the Facilitation Support Package with Dave Chetwyn. Dave will also raise our case to DCLG (now MHCLG – Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government) for starting afresh with a new grant of £17k.

B+ have been asked if we would be prepared to beta test the new application scheme for Locality. Sally has agreed (especially as it will get our request into the system before anyone else!!).

Meeting Closed

Sally Gardner

B+ Facilitator

14/3/18