

**Blandford + Steering Group Meeting**  
**12.30 to 14.30 on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020**  
**The Community Room (BFTC)**

**Confirmed Attendees:**

Roger Carter - Chair  
Carol Tompsett  
Malcom Albery  
John Stayt  
Alan Cross  
Bobbie Church  
Sally Gardner (meeting notes)

**Guests:**

Ian Mackay (Blandford St. Mary Planning)  
Frank Stocks (Bryanston PC Planning)  
Peter Clark (BFTC Planning Chair)  
Linda Scott-Giles (BFTC Town Clerk)  
Sybille Maddock (BFTC ATC)

**Action Notes**

**1. Community Engagement**

**Campaigning**

**ACTION Sally** to request clarification from Electoral Services re. what councillors can/can't say or do both as Town/Parish councillors and as individuals.

**Leaflet Layout & Content**

**ACTION Sally** to email draft version out to all for comment / suggestions

**ACTION All** to feedback to Sally

**Leaflet Delivery**

Royal Mail can deliver to Households and to Businesses for a minimum fee of £500 for up to 7900 leaflets. Unfortunately RM deliver to postcode sectors, and boundaries do not coincide with electoral boundaries.

**ACTION Billy** to email BFTC Councillors asking if they would be prepared to deliver the B+NP leaflet out to all households and business premises within their areas in the two weeks running up to the Referendum (7<sup>th</sup> May 2020).

**ACTION Malcolm & Carol** to ask BSM and Bryanston Councillors

**Question from Sally** – what's the back-up plan if we can't get all councillors to deliver to their areas??

**Opportunities for Question & Answer Sessions**

**21<sup>st</sup> March** – table confirmed (if req'd) at the BFTC Community Expo, Corn Exchange.

**6<sup>th</sup> April** – session to be held before the BFTC Town Assembly??

**ACTION Sally** to confirm with Linda.

**26<sup>th</sup> April (Sunday)** – Q&A and coffee morning @ Bryanston Club??

**ACTION Carol** to confirm availability

**Week Commencing 26<sup>th</sup> April** – Q&A @ Hall & Woodhouse??

**ACTION Malcolm** to investigate availability & costs

**ACTION Sally** to request clarification from Electoral Services re. whether costs for the Q&A sessions would have to be included within the referendum campaign budget limits (which may then be restrictive!)

**ACTION All** to send 'awkward' questions that could potentially arise to Sally

**ACTION Sally** to draft a script of 'neutral' info-based answers for review by all.

**2. 'Loose Ends'**

## **Health**

Urgent need for written evidence from DCCG to enable S106 contribution to be collected from Wyatt Homes.

**ACTION Carol** to follow up the letter sent from DCCG to Dorset Council with Ed Gerry and Richard Dodson.

## **Town Centre Regeneration**

**NO B+NP ACTION** at this stage. Roger & Councillors to keep a watching brief.

### **3. Managing the plan going forward**

The group agreed that a B+ Steering Group should continue after the plan is adopted, but the membership / remit of the group may change over time, moving into a monitoring / compliance testing mode. A new MoU will be required.

**ACTION Roger / Linda / Malcolm / Carol** to consider the current MoU and to agree a mechanism for updating?

The group agreed that developing a good working relationship with Dorset Council Planning Officers would be key to ensuring B+NP policies are fully considered in future planning decisions.

**ACTION Sally** to discuss how B+NP might best engage with DC Planning officers going forward, including possibilities for some form of joint training.

**ACTION Roger** to discuss with David Walsh on 6<sup>th</sup> March

**ACTION Linda** to talk to Gillingham re how they have engaged with Dorset Council

It was suggested that guidance would be required for Councillors on how they should interact with the B+NP when making planning decisions in the future.

**ACTION Sally & Billy** to draft guidance for Planning Committee(s) for steering group review

**ACTION Sally** to produce an update report for the Town Council Meetings in March and April and to update the BFTC Planning Committee remit for review at the BFTC annual meeting in May. Sally to forward the updates to Carol & Malcolm for information / onward briefing (if considered suitable to each council).

**ACTION Sally** to send out a DOODLE POLL for the next Steering Group Meeting (i.e. before referendum) for possible dates from Monday 16/3 onwards

**ACTION Sally** to find out from Ed Gerry the likely timescale (and what steps are involved) from a YES vote at Referendum to the plan coming into force.

**...AND FINALLY!**

**.....ACTION Sally** to draw up a plan to keep track of everything above!!

## **Meeting Closed**

Sally Gardner  
B+ Co-ordinator  
26<sup>th</sup> February 2020