

Ross-on-Wye Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Ross-on-Wye Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group held on Thursday 21 April 2016 at 7.15pm at The Corn Exchange, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 5HL

Present: Melvin Reynolds – Chairman
Chris Bartrum, David Calinan, Ian Murray, Jane Roberts, Caroline Utting

In attendance: Amanda Smith – Assistant Town Clerk

NP16/04 57 Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

The Chairman, Melvin Reynolds, welcomed members to the Steering Group meeting. Apologies for absence had been received from Caroline Bennett and Nick Dale.

NP16/04 58 Election of Vice Chairman of Steering Group

The matter would be put on the agenda and discussed at the May Steering Group meeting.

NP16/04 59 Minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2016 were approved.

NP16/04 60 Matters arising from minutes of meeting

There were no matters arising other than agenda items.

NP16/04 61 Update on process and programme for the Neighbourhood Development

Plan – including update on Big Workshop held on 12th April and Public Drop-Ins to be held on 30th April and 1st May - evidence review, character assessment, awareness raising and workshops

Please see attached Place Studio progress report and Drop-in 1 & 2 Outline and Practicalities report presented at the Steering Group meeting.

The Big Workshop had taken place with about 20 people in attendance. A discussion took place on the Draft Objectives for Housing, Working and Shopping, Getting Around, Environment, Leisure and Well-being – and through working in topic groups generated a meaningful discussion.

Public Drop-In 1 on 30th April to take place in town at the Market House and Public Drop-In 2 on 1st May to take place at the River Festival at the Hope and Anchor – an events planner will be sent out to members of the Steering Group and put on Facebook (Melvin) in order to get volunteers to help out over that week-end.

Posters about the Drop-Ins would be distributed about the town – shops in the High Street (David), Broad Street (Amanda), Gloucester Road (Caroline) and supermarket and industrial areas (Ian) - and put on facebook (Melvin) and a twitter account set up (Jane).

NP16/04 62 Update on funding

The Assistant Clerk was progressing with the new grant funding applications – she had re-applied for the Big Lottery Fund application for £10,000 and had also applied for the Community Locality Fund for £9,000.

NP16/04 63 Any other business

A large scale map of Ross-on-Wye was put together and updated by using stickers to show any changes that had taken place in the town – and for identifying potential areas where change might take place in the future – i.e. in terms of areas for housing and industrial development, leisure facilities and green spaces.

NP16/04 64 Key dates to note

30th April - Public Drop-In 1 at Market House
1st May – Public Drop-In 2 at River Festival

Date of next meeting / change of venue

The next Steering Group meeting will take place on Thursday 19th May 2016 at 7.15pm at the Corn Exchange.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.