

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday 26th November 2020

Present: Cllrs, B Bayford, J Bayford, R Binks, D. Saunders, community members, Peter Lorenzo, Sue Wall and Laura Scotney.

Danielle Dunn- Goldstone Town Planning (Clerk for the meeting)

Daniel Purchase (DP)- Breakthrough Communications

309. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr P Moore, Community Member Robert Holden tried to join the virtual meeting but was unable to connect.

310. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None to Receive.

311. MINUTES

RESOLVED to RECEIVE and APPROVE by signing the minutes of the meeting of the 22nd October 2020. Proposed Peter Lorenzo, seconded Cllr J Bayford, agreed

312. SUB-COMMITTEE VACANCY

Ref Min:249

Deferred until the next meeting of the sub-committee, due to issues with connecting to the online meeting.

313. UPDATE ON LOCALITY FUNDING

DISCUSSED that the Town Council had been successful in obtaining a Locality Grant for £9844 to help with the review of the Neighbourhood Plan. This grant needs to be spent before the end of March 2021. However, if there is an underspend due to time restrictions, the money can be returned, and a new funding bid submitted after the 1st April 2021.

The breakdown of funding received is as follows:

Communication consultancy: £6550

Planning Consultant: £2520

GIS Mapping: £400

Printing: £180

Prepaid Envelopes: £194

DISCUSSED that the interim Town Clerk had completed the due diligence process and the funding money had been paid into the Town Council's current account.

DP entered the meeting

314. INTRODUCTION FROM BREAKTHROUGH COMMUNICATIONS

DISCUSSED Daniel Purchase (DP) introduced Breakthrough Communications, the consultants who had been selected as the community consultation providers for the NP. He set out that the business provided services to enable Town and Parish Councils to better engage and interact with the community they serve and provide positive outcomes. DP had extensive experience working in this sector and had been a Town Councillor previously. He is currently a District Councillor and a County Councillor in East Sussex.

DP discussed that he had undertaken a virtual meeting with DD the planning consultant and following consultation was proposed.

-An online questionnaire, with hardcopy versions, provided with pre-paid envelopes for people unable to comment online and virtual events, including Zoom and Facebook live. All to be undertaken in February 2021. DP was currently working on the full strategy and timetable.

-Events would be advertised on social media, using direct advertising to promote them, and also through interaction with local community groups who could promote the consultation through their membership.

-The questionnaire questions and print version would be established over the coming months and taken to the Council meeting of the 25th January for formal sign-off and approval.

- The NP sub-committee would be establishing important questions for the survey over the coming meetings.

-The length of time taken to draft the consultation statement at the end of the process would be dependent on the number of responses. This is the only potential element of the funding, that could be delayed beyond the end of March 2021.

DP left the meeting

315. DESIGN CODES

DISCUSSED DD updated the Committee on the additional funding bid for direct Government Consultant support through their preferred suppliers AECOM. A meeting had been held on the 24th November 2020 with an AECOM bid advisor. It was explained that this was a scoping phase to establish the requirements of the NP group within their provision guidelines. It was identified that AECOM would be able to support with the provision of design codes for up to approximately 7 areas. These areas could be of different sizes and it would be based on their prevailing character. The existing High Townscape Value areas and the seafront were identified as potential areas that could benefit from a design code, although this would need further consideration by the group. The success of the bid for consultant support would be provided by AECOM in the next 2-3 weeks. DD would report back to the committee.

DISCUSSED a question was asked relating to the use of design codes and how

this would relate and work with the review of the Thanet District Local Plan. DD thought there was scope to involve TDC in the Design Code work for the area as the design codes would benefit all parties and are the Governments current preferred approach to dealing with design relating issues.

Cllr B Bayford, suggested that should the bid be successful, the consultant should be invited to attend the next meeting of the sub-committee.

316. DRAFT TREE STRATEGY*

DISCUSSED the draft Tree Strategy completed by the Tree Warden was discussed and it was identified that it was very thorough. However, it was considered without an executive summary and with inclusion of the extensive evidence within it, it may be too difficult and 'wordy' for use by the general public when required at planning application stage.

DISCUSSED that the Town Council's Environmental Strategy is also in the process of being drafted and these two pieces of work would need to work together.

RESOLVED that DD look at editing the draft Tree Strategy and working on an executive summary for use. With a final draft being taken to the Planning Committee on the 1st February 2021, for approval for a period of public consultation, proposed Cllr B Bayford, seconded Cllr D Saunders, agreed.

ACTION members of the NP Sub-Committee were encouraged to read the draft Tree Strategy and send in any comments to DD.

317. LOCAL GREEN SPACES

DISCUSSED that SW had been approached by the Park Avenue Woodland group, as she had undertaken the LGS survey work as part of the first NP.

Following the destruction of the Park Avenue Woodland earlier in February 2020, the group were interested to understand how the site could potentially be protected through a Local Green Spaces allocation in the revised NP.

Cllr DS explained the legal position of the woodland destruction from the TDC perspective and how the legal proceedings were ongoing. He also identified other areas in the vicinity that could also be a risk from future development pressure, specifically the areas around Grange Road.

Cllr RB explained that KCC were working on the issue with from the perspective of the impact on the footpath and how this could be reopened for use.

DISCUSSED it was identified that although it doesn't prevent their allocation as an LGS, it had proved more difficult in the past to allocate sites in private ownership. The ownership boundaries of the Park Avenue woodland were currently being looked into by the TDC legal team.

RESOLVED that recognition is given to the group that the Park Avenue Woodland could be included in the potential LGS sites that will need assessing

following identification of sites at the community consultation stage. Proposed Cllr B Bayford, seconded Peter Lorenzo, agreed.

318. LOCALLY LISTED BUILDINGS

DISCUSSED that PL had been in contact with CPRE who wanted to read the full list and notes of the Locally Listed Buildings. PL was currently sorting these into a viable format to be sent over.

ACTION The GIS work to digitise the LLBs could now be procured as the Locality funding had been obtained. DD to action this piece of work with the help of the Town Clerk.

319. AOB AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

DD would be bringing the project plan to the next meeting for discussion

320. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

17th December, 10am.

Meeting closed: 11:11am