

Chetwynd: The Toton & Chilwell Neighbourhood Forum
Minutes of 6th Steering Group meeting held on Wednesday 8th February 2017

Present: Richard Hutchinson (Chair), Nicola Lamplough (Vice Chair), Graham Heal (Treasurer), Andy Askham, Richard Bowen, Teresa Dunsdon, Jon Gallego, Denise Lewis, David Lovett, Helen Skinner, Ben Standing, Norman Lewis, Colin Tideswell

Apologies: Barbara Bakewell, Morag Ball, Keith Ball, Katrina Stephens

1. Minutes of the last meeting

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and mentioned that Jon would be a bit late and that Barbara needed to take a bit of time off but would like to be kept informed and updated.
- 1.2 Bank options: Lloyds TSB online account currently being applied for and a further account would need setting up in due course.
- 1.3 Helen and Katie agreed to take turns doing the minutes.
- 1.4 An extra clause was added to the **Ways of Working** document which required a member to stand down if they had breached the **code of conduct**.
- 1.5 Andy Askham asked for a further tightening so that **Sub-groups** should check with the **Main Group** before taking any action likely to compromise the Main group eg consulting an MP or the press etc. **Sub-groups** to make sure actions are ratified by the **Main Group**
- 1.6 Additional members have applied to join **Sub-groups** as a result of communications. These are being collated at the moment. Face Book and Beeston Updated are already being used.
- 1.7 2 **Sub-groups** have reported their **Terms of Reference**
- 1.8 **Steffan Saunders** is willing to give training

Action by:

2. Chairman's Report

- 2.1 Richard thanked members for their TORs
- 2.2 The **Broxtowe Planning Meeting** : Richard was satisfied with this and noted that Steffan Saunders referred to us favourably.
- 2.3 There was an outline contingency plan for 200 buildings in case HS2 should prevent any of the original plan
- 2.4 Beeston Van Hire site was already designated for housing
- 2.5 **Tracy Basra** is the Tesco Community Champion
- 2.6 **HS2 Review** – Open Days will be held
Different views are presented online and on the map and HS2 are open to our ideas, giving us the opportunity to shape it.
Richard wants us to have a direct relationship with both HS2 and the Council and not a third party one
- 2.7 **Wild Life** – there is a limited amount of HS2 money for this (about £1m)
- 2.8 We should explore options to present to people, difficult though this may be, rather than telling them what should be done, and we should say, "Hey, come and get involved!"
They are beginning to come forward.
- 2.9 Jon said we should be worried if the projected number of houses goes *down* and ask what is behind this.
Building on green land is not taboo.
Colin was concerned about flood land.

3. Treasurer's Report

- 3.1 The committee had sight of a written report.
All our costs to be reimbursed by the Council

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4. SG Roles and Responsibilities

- 4.1 Richard reported that he had met with Steffan and was told that our boundary should be changed:
HS2, who can take anything they want, have taken a safeguarding area within our boundary. This leaves an area the other side of the railway line, which we would be giving up if we made the edge of the safeguarding area our new boundary.
A lengthy and lively discussion ensued.
- 4.2 Norman talked about protecting **the Wildlife** , consideration of Long Eaton, the Council and the flood plane. The **sewage works** is also there.
- 4.3 We considered two options ; keeping our area as it is but without the safeguarding area or moving the boundary of our Forum to “Steffan’s line”

If we decide to keep our original boundary, against Steffan’s wishes, then it will go to Council. The Members present all voted for this option, nem.con.
We agreed to prepare our case.

5. Sub-group workshop

- 5.1 There was not time for sub-groups to report as the previous item had taken so much time.

6. A.O.B

- 6.1 We discussed Tracy Basra’s suggestion that we change our meetings to Mondays but we agreed to keep it as it was
- 6.2 We agreed to the suggestion that we have a **project office** and that we should ask the Barracks.
- 6.3 We agreed to a response to Long Eaton’s HS2 consultation.
- 6.4 Richard Chaney has offered some **Nottingham University Planning students** to join us.
- 6.5 Andy Askham said that HS2 do want to listen to us – the footprint is not yet fixed – they will listen to us.

7. **Next meeting – Thursday, 9th March**