Chetwynd: The Toton & Chilwell Neighbourhood Forum Forum: Barracks Sub-Group

Confirmed Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 6th April 2017

Present: David Lovett (Sub-group Lead), DeVonne John, Stephen Brown, Nick Allcoat, Jon Gallego,

Philip Morley, Jim Jeffery, Richard Hutchinson (Steering Group Chair)

Apologies: Nicola Lamplough (Steering Group Vice Chair), Graham Heal (Steering Group Treasurer),

	Action by: -
1. Introductions	
1.1 Everyone present introduced themselves and provided a brief background of their interest in the Forum and the Barracks. (all members present).	
1.2 A contact list was circulated for those present to provide more robust communication between sub-group members.	David
2. Minutes of the meeting & matters arising.	
The minutes of the previous meeting were discussed and approved by the group as accurate with no matters arising.	David/All
3. Terms of Reference	David/Richard/All
The TOR was again presented to the group having been amended from last time, with the group along with Richard (Forum Chair) agreeing this to be representative of the group's aims and ambitions. It was emphasized that this could be amended as the meetings progressed.	
Funding this was discussed and agreed to be monitored and requested ad hoc from the Forum Steering Group dependent on the sub-group's requirements.	
Crichel Down Rules raised by Jim previously were reviewed with much work done by Jim himself and Ben (legal representative of the Forum steering group). It was seen that this rule legally may not apply, but given the inconclusive nature of the research to date it was agreed by the group that the actual ownership of the Chetwynd site needed to be included as an action point for the group to discuss further next time. David agreed to put Jim in direct contact with Ben to discuss his research in relation to the Crichel Down Rules outside the meeting, and to feedback at the next meeting.	David/Jim/Ben
Notes: Original owners of particular plots acquired by the government were identified but those in themselves were not seen as conclusive, as ownership of further plots of land involved in the acquisition in 1915 could not be identified currently.	
One of the action points raised was therefore for the group to identify the "actual estate size" given that the current housing was apparently "owned" by Annington Homes – www.annington.co.uk/about-us	Volunteer required
Richard went on to say the future of these houses were subject to future planning requirements as the view by Broxtowe council that 500 homes had been identified but a total of 800 had been mentioned. Richard also offered a suggestion for the group to approach the local TA branch (HMS Sherwood) to see what their long-term plans were, as it was understood they wished to remain when the station closed.	Stephen volunteered after the meeting

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4. Road Ahead & Immediate priorities

4.1 Site visit: Both DeVonne and Stephen had made separate approaches to Lisa Matters (Chilwell Station Staff Officer) to request access to the site. Both had been turned down and fed back to the main Steering group.	Richard/ Stephen/ DeVonne/All
Richard had subsequently raised this lack of community engagement with the local MP and the issue is being discussed at a higher level. The view/belief is that access will be agreed soon.	
Note:	
Richard identified there were also other interested parties with a vested interest in the site and as such he was to ensure the group would be introduced to the parties to ensure all possible views were taken into consideration to aid the group in offering potential site options.	Richard
4.2 Civic & Historical Societies-speaker invitation: There was discussion that the proposed plans when agreed should be inclusive of all the community. With this in mind an invitation had been received by the steering group to present our proposals to the public which was seen as a good idea by the group. Ideas to include the history of the site and its development over the years and set out plans for the future to encourage the public to air their views. James McCloskey (a former Chilwell SSO) may be willing to attend a future sub-group	All/Richard
meeting to discuss the military history of the site. DeVonne has been in contact with him.	DeVonne
Notes:	
School engagement was also discussed given the long-term impact of the project. As well as considering the best ways we can engage the community and how soon to start. To link with Teresa Dunsdon from the steering group for this.	Richard/All
Suggestions to be inclusive of linking all the potential developments including HS2 and how this would impact was also seen as a good way forward. However, the remit of the group was to focus on the "Barracks" but to have a view of the impact as the HS2 scheme developed.	
4.3 Barracks large scale map: DeVonne had managed to procure two large scale maps of the site that included the overall development area but more importantly the depot site itself and in conjunction with James McCloskey also identified some of the features within.	DeVonne
Notes:	
The group discussed at length the value of the site map and the advantage it gave. The group discussed the various possibilities of historic routes, country park suggestions along with the historic woods and the challenge of combining all of the ideas to ensure "buy in" not only for the local community but also the "commercial and financial" implications not least from Broxtowe Council and related interested parties.	All
Tree preservation was discussed along with other preservation matters that the group would need to look into moving forward.	
Also, a contamination report was identified as a requirement so the group would need to identify an action list to cover the points raised loosely in the meeting and suggested formulating this next time.	All
Richard confirmed the importance of having plans and options in place as the forum is officially seen as having legal standing in the area's development for years to come.	Richard/Forum
Richard also produced a large-scale photo of the site that could be used for various purposes moving forward once copied digitally.	Richard

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4.4 Community Right to Bid: David reported that Nicola has made contact with one of the coaches from Toton Tigers FC, who also works at the Barracks. He is going to raise it at their next meeting and identify a volunteer to represent the football club on the subgroup.	Nicola
 5. AOB 5.1 Group photo was taken for the Forum newsletter. 5.2 Point for next meeting, in the light of two recent cases in Bramcote and Toton where the local council and community's views on local housing plans were ignored by Westminster (appeals pending). What is in place to ensure this does not happen to us? 	5.2 raised by SB not covered in meeting
 6. Date & Venue of Next Meeting 6.1 To be confirmed outside the meeting. Nick offered the use of Attenborough Cricket Club again as a venue for next time. The bar would be available to use! 	All