

Chetwynd: The Toton & Chilwell Neighbourhood Forum

Forum: Barracks Sub-Group

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 6th July 2017

Present: David Lovett (Sub-group Lead), Devonne John, Stephen Brown, Jim Jeffery, Jon Gallego, Karren Denham.

Apologies: Nicola Lamplough (Steering Group Vice Chair), Graham Heal (Steering Group Treasurer), Nick Allcoat, Ben Standing (Steering Group Legal Advisor), Richard Hutchinson (Steering Group Chair), Teresa Dunsdon.

	Action by: -
<p><u>1. Introductions</u></p> <p>David provided a brief introduction and background to the meeting for the benefit of the group and particularly new member Karren Denham, who joined today and relayed her interests in the Forum and the Barracks.</p>	
<p><u>2. Apologies</u></p> <p>Apologies taken and noted. Karren was warmly invited to the meeting for her input, as she is currently employed in Chilwell Station.</p> <p><u>3. Minutes of the last meeting & matters arising not on the main agenda</u></p> <p>Matters arising from the previous meetings minutes were discussed and the minutes were approved by all present.</p> <p>a) Who owns the footpath from Stapleford Lane to the Barracks gate (question raised by Norman Lewis at the Steering Group meeting on 11th May).</p> <p>Note: This was covered as part of the group actions below as part of Jim's presentation on the DIO visit on 3rd July 2017 where it was confirmed the MOD owns the said path.</p> <p><u>4. Group Membership</u></p> <p>Karren has now joined the group and is a welcome addition. David also informed the group that Owen and Glenis O'Connor had expressed an interest in joining the sub-group as they have experience of, and a long-established interest, in the site.</p> <p>Note: The Group agreed for David to offer an invitation to Owen & Glenis, as it was seen that more help would be needed in the months to come.</p>	David
<p><u>5. Road Ahead & Immediate Priorities</u></p> <p>a) Arranging a site visit and feedback from DIO on-site meeting: Jim presented to the group an abridged, but none the less detailed, version of the DIO meeting on 3rd July. Jim presented a document that highlighted most of the key points to which the group discussed and debated as it has now clarified certain viewpoints that will now help formulate the group's approach moving forward.</p> <p>Note:</p> <p>Protection of assets- The group were happy that historical attributes of the site had been considered, although more questions and details need to be resolved. The future upkeep of the gardens, green areas and historical buildings is a concern as it has been indicated Broxtowe do not want to be responsible for its upkeep?</p>	All

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Annington Homes: The land will be out of scope of the sale and development plans so we will need to engage with them to discuss certain aspects once identified and agreed. The "Green corridor" needs consideration.

Sale Plans: Current timetable is for the sale to be completed by 2021 with intention to sell to one developer who will own and maintain the master plan and they may choose to sell to other housebuilders. The group were keen to ensure an influence in these matters.

Development Plans: Shops opposite Tesco made no sense, as well as plans to build homes before thought given to schools and infrastructure. Group concerned that plans for 1500 houses/dwellings needs to be handled with care.

Access Links: Another major concern of the group is access to the site given the proposed plans, as building based on "statistics" may not be the answer to the community that will have to live with it for years to come.

History of site and other matters: Drainage seems to be a concern from the group as no one seems to know what is laid underground. The group are keen to ensure all artefacts are "preserved" for the site (future museum) not the MOD. The Group would like to pursue the use of the tunnels in some shape or form. Tunnel location has been identified.

The group were not impressed, like the Forum delegation, that Broxtowe council had not informed the Steering Group of the fact plans were as "advanced" as they appear. By the same token the group were pleased at least that we will now have a coherent plan to view and work with.

David to follow-up with Richard as to whether a question should be put to Broxtowe Borough Council as to why they had not at least made the Steering Group aware that there was an outline plan for the site.

Jim was thanked for his informed presentation.

Jim stressed the information was not to be disclosed until it was in the public domain.

Jim had mentioned that the full presentation would be made available, David to take forward.

Jim to follow up on point raised during the meeting about a "Public right of way" through the garrison. Jim to contact various organisations, Notts County Council & Ramblers Association were mentioned.

- b) Civic & Historical Societies-Speaker to be invited: It was agreed that getting people interested in the history of the site was important. Potential dates and venues were discussed but it was felt that known historians would be approached in the first instance by Devonne and Jim.

Note: Devonne had contacted James McCloskey, however dates originally looked at were not feasible. David advised Sept/Oct may be better and he would discuss with Steering Group potential dates and venues.

- c) Crichel Down Rules question: Awaiting confirmation from Ben.

Note: The Group are satisfied after visit that the DIO have this matter in hand so close item on agenda.

- d) Land Registry Title & Plan: See (e).

- e) Size of the actual estate: Both d & e caused much debate by the group. David produced alleged actual MOD land up for sale but this excluded the "Annington Homes" houses area as well as other differences from our actual site map.

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David

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Notes: The Group decided that these previous matters were covered by Jim's presentation from the DIO meeting where these points have now been clarified. David to remove from agenda.

David

Other land sales: Having followed Richard's advice on looking at MOD land sales involving Annington Homes, Steve reported findings to date:

1. Balderton Camp Newark-Fernwood Development (Annington not involved).
2. RAF Newton Newark-Innes England confirmed Annington not involved.
3. MOD Feltham-Annington not involved. However, planning document sent to David as it includes useful information that could help us moving forward.
4. Mod Foxhill- Annington not involved. However, planning document sent to David as it includes useful information that could help us moving forward.
5. RAF Brampton- Annington **are** involved, as estate is part of site, pretty much like Chetwynd Barracks. Annington are mentioned several times. Planning document sent to David as it includes useful information that could help us moving forward. **This planning document has been accepted and has become the blueprint for the site with outline planning consent given. Both Jim and Steve think the Steering Group should look at this as a very good example of the standard of proposal we should be aspiring to. David to present to SG.**
6. Howe Barracks-140 homes returned to Annington. Local Canterbury Council submitted a "robust and comprehensive" bid only to lose out to Redbridge Council some 60 miles away, causing outrage and caused CC to push for a change in legislation.

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Richard, Jim and Steve to look at site sales to ascertain prices Annington maybe charging. Point 6 maybe one to look at as a starting point.

Jim/Steve

- f) TA/HMS Sherwood: Stephen had previously confirmed the intention of the TA Centre to remain beyond the sale of the Chetwynd site. However, there were still questions of the infrastructure that still were not clear, e.g. what did the TA have in common with the main site that would be required after main closure. Stephen had agreed to pursue their potential "wish list" and advise.

Note: Given report from Jim on DIO plans this item will no longer be pursued as agreed by the group. David to remove from agenda.

David

- g) School Engagement: Item deferred as Teresa unable to attend the meeting.

- h) Tree Preservation orders: Teresa was to raise a local issue of overhanging trees with Annington to get a response, but as Teresa unable to attend the meeting this will be followed up at the next meeting.

Teresa

Note: As DIO appear to be planning tree preservation throughout the site the Group agreed this point could be removed. It was established Hobgoblin Wood has not been maintained as previously reported. Some who knew the wood said due to infestation of mosquitos further thought would be needed for the future as to how this could be made a pleasant environment.

- i) Contamination Report: It had previously been confirmed that this was the responsibility of the MOD. Richard had agreed to approach Broxtowe Borough Council to ask how the site sale for Chilwell Meadows had been conducted regarding a contamination report.

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<p>Note: Covered by DIO report. However, group wanted to know when contamination reports are put into the Public domain.</p> <p>j) Community Right to Bid: Nicola was unable to update and the action will be taken forward to the next meeting.</p> <p>Note: Take forward to next meeting.</p>	David/Nicola
<p>6. AOB</p> <p>The Group thanked Devonne for her hospitality in holding the meeting at her home. It was much appreciated.</p>	
<p>7. Date & Venue of Next Meeting</p> <p>Date & venue to be confirmed for August or September, but hinged on holidays and the release of the Planning document by Broxtowe Borough Council for public consultation.</p>	All