

Chetwynd: The Toton & Chilwell Neighbourhood Forum
Forum: Barracks Sub-Group
DRAFT Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 23rd November 2017

Present: David Lovett (Sub-group Lead), Stephen Brown, Karren Denham, Graham Heal (Steering Group Treasurer), Richard Hutchinson (Steering Group Chair), Devonne John, Owen O'Connor.

Apologies: Nicola Lamplough (Steering Group Vice Chair), Teresa Dunsdon, Jon Gallego. Jim Jeffery, Nick Allcoat, Ben Standing.

	Action by: -
<p>1. Introductions David provided a brief introduction and background to the meeting for the benefit of the group. Agenda previously sent. Meeting was attended this time by Richard and Graham from the main Steering Group.</p>	
<p>2. Apologies Apologies taken and noted. See also group membership below.</p>	
<p>3. Minutes of the last meeting & matters arising not on the main agenda Matters arising from the previous meetings minutes were discussed and approved by all present. Matters arising discussed:-</p> <p>a) "Community building" to be saved refers to the Brigade HQ. This was discussed with Graham suggesting we could get a consultant in to assess the "historic buildings" to confirm whether these would be viable for future use. Jim (via email) added "BBC seemed set on closing Community Centres to build houses, so the one in the barracks maybe a very valuable asset". However, when considering the university students' plans a more holistic view maybe required.</p> <p>b) Historic archives held at the barracks. Karren advised the group a new system was being introduced to upgrade "old library" and she had been advised to wait a couple of weeks before requesting more information. Richard advised that it was understood historic information linked to the Regiments would be sent to Deepcut barracks for their archive. Local history should be retained locally, but further discussions with the DIO, now that we have a better relationship with them, will hopefully help our ambition. To monitor.</p> <p>c) Hill Farm (raised by Norman Lewis via email). Karren advised she is still looking for a map of Hill Farm, linked to action point b). Jim has discussed with Norman who advised the site (just off Stapleford Lane) maybe useful to carry out archaeological excavation work. Same may apply to Highfield House (where Viscount Chetwynd resided), and the Malthouse (which stood on the bend of Chetwynd Road).</p> <p>d) Matters arising from July & September minutes. Richard updated the group on the points raised:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stefan (Broxtowe planning officer) to share thoughts with the steering group. 2. DIO information to be made available to the sub-group. Their current view is that the site can accommodate 1500 dwellings. 3. James McCloskey, historic talk to be pushed back to February now. 4. Professor Beckett who is an expert on local history to be kept in mind to help the group. However, Jim has advised his expertise is WW1 up to 1920 only. 5. Contamination report still ongoing. Richard to advise. 6. Conversations regarding plans for the site with the DIO and Broxtowe Borough Council continue to be ongoing, but the view is we are in a good place as a Forum. 7. Annington Homes currently have 174 houses on the barracks site. Richard advised the Forum is considering a different approach to them in future. 	<p>David/All</p> <p>Karren</p> <p>David</p> <p>Karren/Jim</p>

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<p>8. Sports Fields. The steering group is currently in discussion with Notts FA for their support with the future of the sporting amenities. Richard advised the group that Nick has been seconded on to a sports sub-group to focus on this aspect of our plans, and to co-ordinate what to do with the sports facilities.</p>	
<p>4. Group Membership David welcomed Owen O'Connor to the group and introduced the current members. Richard advised sub-group members to use a Gmail account for Forum email addresses if required, for example firstname.ctcnf@gmail.com</p>	
<p>5. Feedback a) Site visit with DIO. Richard advised that this had been a very USEFUL & constructive visit, and the relationship with the DIO representatives escorting the party improved as the visit progressed. This bodes well for the future. Actions arising:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Produce a list of possible future uses for Woodside House (officers' mess). 2. Karren to obtain from Bob Watson (Station Quartermaster) copies of the detailed Shell Filling Factory map from 1917 seen on the visit. 3. Richard to upload photos taken during the visit. 4. David to write to the DIO lead on the barracks site regarding cleaning & restoring the memorial for the centenary next year (1st July 2018). <p>b) University architecture students design plans 20th November Richard, David, Graham & Steve all gave their views on what a fantastic effort the students had made, not only listening to the brief, but between the six groups coming up with ideas that cover the entire spectrum of what we are trying to achieve. Without this support it would have been more difficult for the Forum to produce a detailed plan for the area. There is much to consider, and this will now be part of the sub-group's brief to review all the ideas, to refine them & advise on the best way forward for the barracks site. Richard advised that we will have further input from some of the students during 2018, and there is also a possibility of "buying" some of the students' time to continue helping us. Further collaboration with the University is to continue in the coming months.</p>	<p>All Karren</p> <p>Richard David</p> <p>All</p>
<p>6. Road Ahead Immediate Priorities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Civic and Historical Societies-Speaker to be invited. Jim has been considering different ways of delivery, but coming back to James McCloskey, however see point 3.d)3. above presentations to be put back to February. b) Historical Collection (Paula Hammond). Mike Hammond, Paula's widower, has confirmed that there is extensive material, but cannot put his hand on it and is currently away on holiday. He has promised to look into it on his return. Both Jim and Karren are following this up. Further to this Jim has also been looking into the National Archives, and has provided some interesting links. Graham suggested loading the links onto the Forum website. Richard to send Steve name of Evening Post contact. c) Preserving the barracks history. There is much activity on this subject from all members of the group. The information we obtain needs to be collated until a final decision is made what to do with the sourced materials. Items brought to the meeting have been collated by Karren, including a large map for safe keeping. d) School Engagement. To remove from the sub-group agenda as there is now a separate school engagement group. e) Tree Preservation orders. To remove from the sub-group agenda as it is now with Ben and Norman within the steering group. f) Contamination Report. To remove from the sub-group agenda, see point 3.d)5. above now handled by Richard. 	<p>Jim/Karren</p> <p>Jim David/Graham Richard/Steve</p> <p>Karren</p> <p>David</p> <p>David</p> <p>David/Richard</p>

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<p>g) Community right to bid & playing field use by Attenborough CC, see point 3.d)8. above. Richard to report on further activity at future meetings.</p>	Richard
<p>7. <u>New Agenda Items</u> a) Review and update of the Terms of Reference. The group went through the terms of reference and made alterations as they went down the list, David making notes to amend the document. This proved to be a useful exercise as it identified how much work has been done to date, and allowed a reassessment of the group's activities. One point raised was for the group to consider resources required in future. Two groups of university students to assist with finalising the barracks plan is one very good suggestion, but they are only available after May 2018.</p>	David (to amend the TOR)
<p>8. <u>AOB</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve brought to the attention of the group the Stockport Caves, re-opened in 1996, that were formerly WW2 air raid shelters for 6500 people. It is now an award-winning museum and has become one of Stockport's most significant attractions (£4.75 adult, £3.50 children). As Nottingham is well known for its caves and is planning further development, could the barracks tunnels also be a major attraction for the area. To consider. • Richard gave a briefing from the student presentations and handed out sets of their plans to be perused by group members. Karren & Steve each have a set currently. Richard advised now that these have been presented, one of the main tasks of the group will be to recommend the final barracks plan based on a refinement of some of this work. • For the next meeting - as next year is the Centenary of the shell filling factory explosion, should the Forum aim to put on something "special" for the neighbourhood? <p>The Group thanked Devonne for her hospitality once more in holding the meeting at her house. It was very much appreciated.</p>	All All All
<p>9. <u>Date & Venue of Next Meeting</u> January - date and venue to be confirmed.</p>	David