

Sandy Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
Thursday 17th November 2022 at 7.30pm
Sandy Town Council Chamber, 10 Cambridge Road, Sandy

Minutes

Present: Rob Baker, Sally Chapman, Anne Elliott-Flockhart, Arnie Gilpin, Joanna Hewitt (Chair), Anthony Lock, Ruth Lock, Chris Patterson and Anne Ramsay.

Apologies: Nigel Aldis, Richard Barlow, Jennifer Ivanciu-Wilkinson and Lorraine Ivanciu-Wilkinson.

1. Approval of minutes from 27th October 2022

The minutes were approved.

2. G I P

Anne R sent the list that the group went through last month, but BRCC have made some edits and suggestions, such as keeping in all of the Recreation Grounds and that the Zwetsloots site is in proximity to parts of Sandy. If we go with BRCC's edits then we have narrowed the list down to 13, which is still more than they asked for.

The **Chair** will ring BRCC to clarify a few things, such as:

- How much extra will it cost to do the work for the extra sites?
- How long will it take?

Anne EF and Jennifer had worked on drafting a context page for the Green Infrastructure Plan. This had been circulated ahead of the meeting. It was noted we should mention Greensand Country as well as the Greensand Ridge. Arnie had sent comments which **Anne EF** will incorporate then send to Anne R to pass onto BRCC.

3. Town Centre – Traffic Management Proposal Review

Richard and Nigel have already commented. If **anyone** has any other comments, please let **Chris** have them by Thursday 24th November so he can collate. He will then liaise with TTC. It was noted that this is a feasibility study and doesn't form part of the Neighbourhood Plan, though it can be an aspiration.

4. Engagement

Christmas Lights – will take place on Sunday 27th December. Rob had circulated the posters for this event ahead of the meeting. The following changes and amendments were suggested:

- Change writing policies to drafting policies.
- Change Sandye Place Masterplan to Sandye Place Aspirations

Rob will amend the posters.

The NP stall will be next to the community stand. **Anne R, Anne EF, Rob and Chris** can all help on the day. We need to ask Richard if he can help. Rob will need to be on the stall with someone as he might need to rush off as he's on call. The **Chair** will create a rota and let members know their time slots.

We still have some pens and keyrings that we can give out.

5. Sally Chapman

Sally talked the group through the proposed structure for the NP. The first four sections will be standard text. Sally will add the town description. She noted that some sections will be longer than others and that she will add some photos in.

The consultation summary will be about a page long, with a more detailed timeline in an appendix. **Chris** will start putting together a consultation timeline, Sally suggested putting it all in a document which can then be summarised.

There was some discussion about the vision. Ideally it needs to be a sentence longer. The following additions were suggested:

- Add something about Sandy being part of Greensand Country.
- Mention about current and future generations.
- Mention the improvements to the town centre.

Chris noted that all members had had a go at drafting a vision and it might be good to revisit those to see if there was anything that could be added.

Sally talked the group through the chapter headings and aims. The group needs to note the evidence column as we will need to provide this evidence. We still need to do:

- A list of community assets.
- A list of community groups/clubs.
- A list of meeting halls.
- A list of Heritage Assets.
- A list of non-designated Heritage Assets.
- Audit of employment areas
- A list of town centre businesses.

We still need to apply for Locality for grants for the Design Code and the Sandye Place Masterplan. **Chris** will look into this as it needs to be done by end of January.

Arnie asked about the Code for Sustainable Development, as that had some good ideas. Sally agreed it was a good document but became too difficult to implement. However, some of the ideas within that document can be addressed through the Design code, such as EV charging points and cycle storage. We will add something about Biodiversity Net Gain as this is not included in the Local Plan.

Sally noted that some sections, such as the traffic and transport section would be trickier than others as the issues are outside the scope of a NP. However, the NP can create aspirations that try and deal with these issues. Aspirations can be included at the end of each chapter or be

addressed in an appendix. There is no limit to the number of aspirations you have as these are not assessed, but it is good practice to find a balance so as not to put the planning officers off while trying to implement the policies in the plan.

The Plan will be reviewed every five years unless something happens to trigger a review before then.

Sally noted that the plan is a working document, and the structure can change as we go along.

6. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 19 January 2023 at 7.30pm at Sandy Town Council.