

# **Sandy Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

**Tuesday 13 August 2024 at 7.30pm**

**Sandy Town Council Chamber, 10 Cambridge Road,  
Sandy**

## **Minutes**

**Present:** Nigel Aldis, Rob Baker, Anne Elliott-Flockhart, Arnie Gilpin, Jennifer Ivanciu -Wilkinson, Joanna Hewitt (Chair), Anthony Lock, Ruth Lock and Chris Patterson

**Apologies:** Richard Barlow.

### **1. NP Progress**

**Rob** has made the amendments to most of the documents. He still needs to finalise the green spine document, create the response form and copy the link to the NP page on the Council website. He will get these done before he goes on holiday later this week.

**Rob** will upload the documents to Dropbox so that **Chris** can download them to a USB stick so he can take them to Lion Press for printing. We had a quote for 20 copies, as a worst-case scenario, but felt that 10 hard copies would be sufficient, which will leave enough to print the letters that need to go out.

The letter needs to be on STC headed paper, **Joanna** will get a copy. We need approximately 5200 copies. We will ask Lion Press to trifold the letters, so they are easier to post.

Joanna has struggled to find how to get an online quote for having the Royal Mail deliver to SG19 1. Nigel reported that it's via the Royal Mail website, then click on Leaflet delivery. They request sight of the document before they agree to deliver it, but it shouldn't be a problem.

The letters will be addressed to Dear Resident, it will include a link to the website, details of the consultation display, that the

consultation form can be done online, and where hard copies of the response form can be found.

We need to keep 750 letters back for hand delivery to Fallowfield, Ivel Park and Georgetown. We will aim to get these out during the first week of the consultation.

Once the letter is done it will need to be emailed to the statutory consultee list.

The library has said they will put our display in the foyer at the library and STC have agreed to do the same, and are happy to allow access to the foyer Monday- Friday during the consultation.

**Joanna** hasn't been able to get a date from Maple Tree but will pop down this week while the holiday club is on.

Richard reported that we can use the Methodist Church.

Nigel has offered a table at the SHRG display which is on the same day as the Horticultural Show if we can't have a table there. Nigel, Ruth and Anthony will be attendance at the SHRG event so can help man the stall if necessary.

**Joanna** will pin dates down and send round a rota for manning the displays and events. We need to do a mix of morning, afternoon, evening and weekend sessions.

We have a banner that can be used at events. The council has an A-board that we can use. We will need a poster for it, maybe with a picture of the consultation document with consultation here. **Rob** will do this before he goes on holiday.

We have got pens and keyrings that we can have at the displays.

We need to take pictures at each event to add to the consultation document. If we send to **Rob**, he can put on social media, even while he's on holiday.

We need to do a press release. We will need to send the one to the Bulletin by 18 August to meet the deadline. **Joanna** will see if it can be added to the town council newsletter.

## **2. Report of meeting between STC and CBC**

Sandy Town Council met with Central Bedfordshire Council to discuss Sandye Place. CBC have informed STC that they are expecting 2.5million as a minimum from the sale of SP.

STC are investigating options to purchase the site and have asked CBC to confirm that they won't do anything whilst they make these investigations.

STC have got another meeting booked with CBC to discuss this.

It was noted that LGSS law firm, which is generally used by local government, have put in a search on the site.

## **3. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Thursday 5 September at 7.30pm at the Town Council Offices.

