

Meeting 8

Present

Neston Town Council: Cllrs T Derragh, P Hughes M L Shipman

Community volunteers: P Baker (Chair), D Clark, M Eveleigh, J Hollinshead, R Hughes, C Lloyd, T Nolan, D Wallace, R Ward, J Wilkie.

Cheshire West and Chester: Jeremy Owens (Spatial Planning Strategic Manager), Ewan McHenry (Senior Locality Manager)

Cheshire Community Action: Claire Jones

In attendance: Michelle Suckley, Administration Officer, NTC

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| 01. Apologies for Absence | R Hetherington, P Leary, R Nickson | |
| 02. Declarations of Interest | None | |
| 03. Minutes and Matters Arising from meeting 18 March | RH reported raw data from 2011 census results is now available, although extracting relevant data is technical and time consuming. RH would appreciate CWaC assistance in extracting this specific data. EM had met with CWaC colleagues and requested ward profile data based on NTC footprint. Relevant housing/demographic data can then be extracted. CWaC are 6 to 8wks away from receiving next batch of data. RH has specific questions and finer geographical scaling that requires analysis. EM to send an example of Place Profile to RH. CJ offered assistance from CCA. | EM JW |

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| | <p>JO confirmed CWaC are at a critical stage in Local Plan process. The delay in census data has also delayed CWaC's Draft Local Plan. The forecast for new dwellings has been readjusted from 800 to 495 until 2021. CWaC has 26 communities in various NP stages. JO confirmed additional £10k will be made available to NP should expense be justified. JW to provide NP budget costing to CWaC.</p> <p>JW forwarded Mr Dool's (Headteacher Neston High School) details to JH and RN.</p> <p>TD sent bus advertising costings to JW.</p> <p>PB wished to thank all those who put a great deal of effort in and contributed towards a very successful two day event on Friday 19 & Saturday 20 April. The AwayDay event on Saturday 13 April was also a great success.</p> | |
| <p>08.</p> | <p>Use of Consultants and Finance Issues</p> <p>JO reiterated the availability of additional £10k. CSG anticipate funds will mainly be used for NP consultants. It was suggested that NP groups within CWaC area could work collectively, thereby realising cost savings. JO concurred that there could be a careful sharing of information between groups. Tarporley is at the same NP stage as Neston. Catherine Murgatroyd, CWaC's Principal Planning Officer has assumed a NP co-ordinating role. Concern was also expressed that Neston does not receive sufficient CWaC officer support at CSG meetings.</p> | |
| <p>04.</p> | <p>Review of Project timeline</p> <p>JW stated that at this stage, it was hoped to have Neighbourhood Appraisal completed and Vision and Options document drafted. Timescales will inevitably be delayed. CSG believes housing target should be considerably more than 90 dwellings by 2030. Certain sites should be developed for particular housing e.g. small sites in urban areas should be restricted to small units. JO stated that</p> | |

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| | <p>CWaC's Local Plan is based from evidence contained within Strategic Housing Assessment, which requires a mix of housing.</p> <p>Under-occupancy is prevalent in this area with students from Leahurst renting a large majority of first time buyer properties. There is a link between housing supply, flight of young families and local employment in the area.</p> <p>a) Key Issues – what are they?</p> <p>b) Project Plan – how much longer do we consult?</p> <p>c) Vision – need to identify draft objectives.</p> <p>Members concurred that T&FGs should continue to collect data evidence but be given more direction and priorities from CSG. All T&FGs should be using RH's matrix model.</p> | |
| <p>05.</p> | <p>Feedback from 'This Is Neston' Event</p> <p>The questionnaire contained 10 questions with over 350 questionnaires completed. 'How do you want to see Neston in 2030?' – remain the same 18.5%, modest growth 68%, significant growth 13.7%. Raw data is currently being analysed by QofL T&FG. Websites will be updated and posters produced to inform residents of questionnaire results to date. Questionnaires will continue to be circulated with specific demographic groups targeted: Youth Forums and Mums & Tots groups.</p> | |
| <p>06.</p> | <p>Future Consultation Programme</p> <p>The next stage is a draft Vision and Objectives. Tattenhall's Vision and Objectives report contains a simple framework of topic areas: what facts, feedback, proposals and 'do you agree?' CJ to forward to the office for distribution.</p> <p>Neston High School is keen to be involved and undertake surveys.</p> | <p>CJ</p> |

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| <p>07.</p> | <p>Discussion on the Vision</p> <p>For the NP Vision Statement to be produced, Members agreed that the three T&FGs should agree facts, issues and proposals at their next meetings. This information should then be returned to the office, no later than Thu 16 May, in order for it to be distributed to all members in time for the next CSG on Mon 20 May.</p> <p>Members to send questionnaire findings to MLS for press release, website update and posters.</p> | |
| <p>09.</p> | <p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday 20 May 2013 at 7pm at NC&YC.</p> | |

Meeting closed 8.55pm.