

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON

MINUTES OF THE CITY PLAN COMMITTEE HELD ON 14th AUGUST 2013 AT 7PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER , THE TOWN HALL, RIPON

Present: Cllr M F Stanley (Chair)
Cllr Barnes
Chris Hughes
Richard Taylor
Gill Ritchie (Ex-Officio)
Alan Weston (Ex-Officio)

Apologies: Don Grundy
Jane Furse
David Wimpenny

14/13. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received as outlined and these were accepted by the committee.

15/13. Disclosure of an interest in relation to any matter under consideration at this meeting (financial or otherwise)

None

16/13. Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 4th July 2013

The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

17/13. Responses to the Consultation

Alan Weston presented an overview of the process that had been adopted to analyse the consultation responses and the initial results of the analysis. Some of this analysis had been carried out by Alan Weston and the majority by Ben Howe, who had been recruited as a graduate intern to support the development of the City Plan.

The Committee discussed the analysis and also key topics which emerged from their own reading of the consultation responses.

The Committee welcomed the large number of responses where people had indicated that they were willing to volunteer to get involved in helping to develop the Ripon City Plan. Chris Hughes suggested inviting all of these people to a focus group to help develop the vision and objectives for the City Plan

The Committee also acknowledged that a number of issues identified through the consultation, needed to be addressed but that a Neighbourhood Plan was not the most appropriate way to deliver the necessary improvement.

The Committee also considered how to feedback the results of the consultation and to ensure that the profile of the City Plan continued to be raised.

Resolved: After discussion it was agreed that the City Development Manager would:

- Continue and complete the analysis of the consultation responses in conjunction with Ben Howe,
- Organise a focus group meeting on the 11th September, inviting all of those people

- that volunteered to get involved in developing the Ripon City Plan,
- Consider how the City Development Initiative could address some of the issues identified in the consultation, as a more appropriate mechanism than the Neighbourhood Plan,
- Establish a new standalone Ripon City Plan website, but remaining linked to the Ripon City Council website, to allow more information to be provided to interested parties.

18/13. Forward programme & action plan

Alan Weston presented the group with a draft forward programme for the period from the close of consultation at the end of June, through to the end of December. This programme outlined critical actions to progress the development of the City Plan.

The Committee discussed the draft forward programme and action plan and identified a number of suggested changes and additions.

- Resolved: After discussion it was agreed that the City Development Manager would revise the forward programme and action plan:
- To develop a draft vision and objectives following the focus group meeting on 11th September to allow the volunteers to be involved in shaping this,
 - To include the relevant Harrogate Borough Council Planning consultations (Sites and premises DPD, Core Strategy, etc),
 - To respond to John Laking at the Integrated Passenger Transport Team at North Yorkshire County Council to ask him to attend a future meeting to discuss the proposed bus service cuts and other transport issues,
 - To identify other key milestones and present back to the next committee meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

The next meeting date confirmed as Tuesday 17th September at 7pm, (although this was subsequently re-arranged for Tuesday 1st October at 7pm)

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DATE _____

CHAIRMAN

RATIFIED AT COUNCIL MEETING

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL

THE MAYOR