

MINUTES OF THE CITY PLAN COMMITTEE HELD ON 1ST DECEMBER 2014 AT 7PM IN THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR, THE TOWN HALL, RIPON

Present: Cllr M F Stanley (Chair)
Cllr L Barnes
Cllr S Brierley
Cllr P Horton
Richard Taylor
Chris Hughes
Don Grundy
Jane Furse
Dean John Dobson
Jan Ackroyd

Attendees Gill Ritchie

Apologies Alan Weston

28/14 **To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received as outlined and these were accepted by the Committee

29/14 **Members of the public are invited to question, seek clarification or make representation to members of the Committee on any agenda item**

None present.

30/14 **To receive any disclosure of interest in relation to any matter under consideration at his meeting (financial or otherwise) & consider any requests for dispensation**

None declared.

31/14 **To approve the Minutes of the committee meeting held on 2nd September 2014**

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

32/14

To receive feedback from the Neighbourhood Plant Working Group meetings (Verbal update)

MS / CH gave an update of the recent tasks carried out by the Working Group and the meetings and discussions that had taken place with key stakeholders. This included: North Yorkshire County Council Education representatives, York, North Yorkshire & East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership representatives, North Yorkshire Council Council Head of Highways, Lands Improvements.

The focus of the Working Group had necessarily been to maximise community engagement during the consultation process and manage the process and respond where necessary on a week-to-week basis.

33/14

To receive initial feedback from preliminary draft Ripon City Plan Consultation

AW presented a broad overview of the consultation period and the feedback that had been submitted and invited other members of the Working Group to add any further comments based upon visitors to the exhibition.

Members of the group discussed the anecdotal feedback, with some suggestions that people queried the deliverability of the plan but this was a polarised opinion ranging from “will never happen” to “it has already been decided.”

The group discussed a number of particular proposals and comments received including in relation to the football / rugby ground proposal, the Clothholme MOD Regeneration area and housing.

AW said that more formal feedback would be brought to the next meeting but this was going to take some time to prepare.

34/14

To outline an indicative forward work programme in relation to the preparation of the final draft Ripon City Plan

CH commented that a substantial number of tasks had been identified and members of the Working Group were committed to taking these forward. These would provide the evidence base for the final draft plan and the details of the policies contained within this. It was a substantial piece of work but a challenging timetable for completion had been set to try to continue to build the momentum of the plan.

AW commented that work was continuing with Harrogate Borough Council to ensure alignment as they progress their Local Plan and to avoid consultation confusion or fatigue. Coupled with the election period of April / May, there needed to be some careful planning of the future work programme. However, it was possible that a window existed in May / June during which the City Plan could be subject to its statutory 6 weeks consultation.

35/14

To discuss other recent consultations relevant to the preparation of the Ripon City Plan

AW outlined the recent consultation carried out by the Cathedral. Members commented upon the success of this exercise in engaging with the community and discussed whether there were any lessons to be learnt from this for the City Plan.

AW also mentioned that the World Heritage Site Management Plan had been published by the National Trust and this was for consultation until the end of January. There would be a review by the Working Group as part of the collation of the evidence base for the City Plan.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

CHAIRMAN

RATIFIED AT COUNCIL MEETING:

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