

MINUTES OF THE CITY PLAN COMMITTEE HELD ON 2ND SEPTEMBER 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

21/14 **To receive apologies for absence**

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

22/14 **Members of the public are invited to question, seek clarification or make representation to members of the Committee on any agenda item**

None present.

23/14 **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

24/14 **To approve the Minutes of the committee meeting held on 8th July 2014**

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

25/14

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

There was a successful meeting with senior officers at HBC, and the plan received a positive response. There are three documents completed:-

1. A narrative of the plan
2. 3000 words to be used for leaflets/brochure
3. 9000 words for use with HBC showing how the plan ties in with their own.

AW is organising a video ready for the consultation process

26/14

To discuss feedback from the Ripon City Plan Focus Group meeting held on 16th July 2014

The responses were:-

That the preliminary plan had met expectations

The approach to planning Ripon was accepted

The western orbital approach to highway infrastructure was appreciated, the Bondgate Green urban village was met with enthusiasm, there was support for the relocation of the coach park provided that drivers are able to access the city centre, more on cycle routes would have been appreciated, it was generally thought that traffic should be restricted to one side of the market square, but agreed that pedestrian footfall should be maximised. There was a wish to promote starter units in the engineering sector, and that these could be provided at the barracks using existing military property assets. There was support for the new hotel sites. There was no support for moving the hospital to Kirby Road, as it was felt that the hospital is a community asset and should remain in the city centre. There was agreement on the relocation of the football clubs. There was no support for park and ride as it was felt the city is too small. There was agreement on the swimming pool relocation.

There was concern about facilities for “teens and twenties” and graduate returnees. It was felt that the plan should tackle specific “problem” buildings, and the Bondgate Green urban village should make more use of the canal basin.

27/14

To receive an update on the consultation programme for the preliminary draft Ripon City Plan

JF reported that AW has suggested that the consultation period be reduced to three weeks, one week in each ward – consisting of a video, white board for key points and a leaflet. A large exhibition will be static for the whole of the three weeks, and a smaller exhibition moving around the city in schools, churches, any other community buildings. The last Saturday of the consultation would include 2 x 2 hour slots distributing leaflets in high footfall

areas. Advertising leaflets would be placed on the notice boards and in shop windows.

AW asked for agreement:-

- a) That Members note the preliminary draft Ripon City Plan consultation programme;
- b) That members help to identify key stakeholders with an interest in the proposals of the Ripon City Plan to ensure that they are briefed in advance of the public consultation;
- c) That Members help to identify additional groups and meetings which could be added to the consultation programme and which members of the Committee may be able to attend to discuss the City Plan proposals;
- d) That Members indicate if they are able to help and support the suggestion of having an event in a venue within each of the three Ripon wards.

Agreement on all of the above was unanimous.

GR reiterated the importance of ensuring that all documentation is clear and precise.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

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CHAIRMAN

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