

# **NOTES OF THE MORPETH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP MEETING**

## **MONDAY 8TH JULY 2013 AT 3PM** **IN THE CORN EXCHANGE OF MORPETH TOWN HALL**

### **1. Present**

Councillor Ken Brown  
Councillor David Parker  
Councillor Bob Robertson  
Councillor Joan Tebbutt  
Ian Campbell  
Councillor David Cowans  
David Rowlinson  
Cllr Peter Stonell  
Peter Fuller  
Councillor Andrew Kelly  
Graeme Trotter  
Ken Reed

### **Representing**

Morpeth Town Council - Chairman  
Morpeth Town Council  
Morpeth Town Council  
Morpeth Town Council  
Project Coordinator  
Heritage Group  
Northumberland County Council  
Pegswood Parish Council  
Transport Topic Group  
Hebron Parish Council  
Sports & Leisure Group  
Hepscott Parish Council

### **Clerks**

Mrs Dee Cota  
Mrs Angela Logan  
Ms Gillian Turner

Morpeth Town Council  
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Morpeth Town Council (arrived at 3.30pm)

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Best (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Ashmore (Hepscott), Councillor Sharp (Mitford), David Lodge (GMDT), Councillor Carins (Stannington) and Colin Pearson (Education Group).

The Chairman welcomed all members present and invited introductions.

### **2. Notes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

The notes of the previous meeting were approved with the following amendment:

Item 1 – Councillor David Cowans is representing the Heritage Group, not Hepscott Parish Council

### **Matters Arising**

#### **(a) NWA meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

The members were advised that the approved notes from the meeting with Northumbrian Water on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April have been received and circulated to all members. They are also on the neighbourhood plan website.

Another meeting with NWA is still to be arranged to discuss flood risk and service delivery issues. Cllr Best will lead on this meeting.

### **(b) Work with Students**

It was reported that Geoff Parkin from Newcastle University has organised an event on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July where there will be 36 PhD students from around the country at a residential workshop near Morpeth. One of the exercises they will be looking at is how to develop an integrated flood plan for Morpeth and this information will be shared with the neighbourhood plan.

Members were also advised that Durham University, with students from KEVI, are looking at flood risk and this information will also be forwarded to the neighbourhood plan.

### **3. Issues & Options Consultation**

#### **(a) Topic Chairs Meeting**

A verbal report on the Topic Chairs meeting, held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2013 was given.

#### **(b) Issues & Options Consultation Key Dates**

**Agreed** – The launch event for the consultation should be added to the list of key dates previously prepared by Ian Campbell. This document to be circulated to all members and those who registered an interest in the neighbourhood plan.

#### **(c) To Establish and agree membership of an Editorial Board**

It was proposed to form an Editorial Board to give advice on the preparation of a draft composite Issues and Options document.

**Agreed** – To form an Editorial Board with Ian Campbell as the Lead Editor, with Cllr Brown and Ken Reed as Lead Support. It was also agreed that this board could co-opt any other members if required.

**Agreed** – The document ‘The Scope of the Topic Group Technical Report Summary’ to be circulated to all members.

#### **(d) Draft Vision (Appendix A)**

**Agreed** – Each Parish to have their own vision statement that should be individual and separate and also give a hint to the character identity of the Parish. Also, there should be an overarching shared vision statement on ‘Why we are a plan area together?’

#### **(e) Budget Implications/Neighbourhood Planning Support Bid**

The members were advised that the Locality Bid should be submitted this week once all quotes had been provided. General support is provided by volunteers through Planning Aid and it was agreed that this support should be continued in Pegswood and with the Stobhill Community Forum.

*(Cllr Kelly left the room 3.52pm to 4pm)*

#### **4. Topic Group Reports**

##### **(a) Sports & Leisure**

Members were advised that the Sports & Leisure group are putting together an infrastructure audit which is 90% complete, but are still to put the Technical Report together.

#### **5. NCC Update**

##### **(a) Draft Plan Update**

Members were advised that the application to designate the Parishes of Morpeth, Hebron, Hepscoth, Mitford and Pegswood as a neighbourhood area for the purposes of neighbourhood planning had now been agreed and signed off.

**Agreed** – A copy of this report to go onto the neighbourhood plan website.

##### **(b) Core Strategy Update**

It was reported that good progress is being made on the Core Strategy. A further meeting with the Housing Topic Group and other representatives of the neighbourhood plan is to be arranged for week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> July 2013, to discuss demographic modelling and Green Belt

#### **6. Any Other Business**

There was no other urgent business to discuss and the meeting concluded at 4.25pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at 3pm in the Corn Exchange at Morpeth Town Hall.