

NOTES OF THE MORPETH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP MEETING

MONDAY 14TH APRIL 2014 **IN THE CORN EXCHANGE OF MORPETH TOWN HALL**

1. Present

Representing

Councillor Nick Best	Morpeth Town Council – Deputy Chairman
Councillor Bob Robertson 3.03pm	Morpeth Town Council
Councillor Joan Tebbutt	Morpeth Town Council
Councillor David Parker	Morpeth Town Council and Housing Topic Group
Councillor David Cowans	Heritage Topic Group
Peter Fuller	Transport Topic Group
Councillor Mike Sharp	Mitford Parish Council
Councillor David Woodard	Pegswood Parish Council
Councillor Ashmore	Hepscott Parish Council
Colin Pearson	Education Topic Group

In attendance

Ian Campbell	Project Co-ordinator
David English	Northumberland County Council (NCC)

Clerk

Miss Gillian Turner	Morpeth Town Council (MTC)
Miss Louise Davey	Morpeth Town Council

The meeting commenced at 3pm.

1. Welcome/ Apologies and Introductions

Apologies for absence were received from David Rowlinson (NCC), Cllrs Ken Brown, Andrew Kelly and Graeme Trotter, David Lodge and David Watson.

2. Notes of the meeting held on 10th March 2014 and matters arising

The notes of the previous meeting were approved.

a. Legal Advice on GVA letter – verbal report

Ian Campbell (IC) updated the position regarding legal advice on the GVA letter and advised that at this time none had been identified. Gillian Turner (GT) confirmed that this was a very specialist area and NALC had yet to respond.

GT to follow up the response from NALC

It was agreed that MNP would not petition against planning applications in the future however Parishes could make their own representations.

Cllr Best outlined three options to progress the response to the GVA letter:

- request a quote from a specialist legal Firm;
- enquire on neighbourhood planning forums if anyone else is in the same position; and
- detach the objection from MNP for Stobhill, evidence from the Issues and Options data without drawing conclusions.

b. Update on Possible Disposal of County Hall – verbal report

Cllr Parker stated that there had been 511 signatures on the e petition on the disposal of County Hall. He understood that the e petition would be included in the next edition of “Inside Morpeth”. A NCC Policy Board considered options and concluded that the County Hall should be relocated in Ashington.

3. MNP – Preparation of Pre-Submission Draft / Feedback from PPG Meetings

- a. Summary of Progress on Plan Workstreams – verbal report from Topic “leads”**
- b. Progressing the Plan / Revised Plan Preparation Timetable**
- c. Developer Engagement Event – verbal report**
- d. Strategic Environmental Assessment – Update**
- e. MNP Risk Register / Project Plan v 3.2**

4. Resources and Support

5. NCC Update

6. Any other business / Date of next meeting Monday 12 May 2014