

**Notes and Actions of the Newmarket Vision  
Steering Group Meeting  
Monday, 9 February 2015 held at 9.30am  
at Newmarket Town Council**

**Attendees:**

Cllr Lisa Chambers, Chairman (SCC)	Liz Watts (FHDC)
Cllr Warwick Hirst (FHDC)	Bryn Griffiths (SCC)
Cllr Rachel Hood (NTC)	Richard Baldwin (FHDC)

**1. Apologies**

Christine Rush (FHDC)

**2. Notes and Actions from last meeting 22 January, 2015**

RH updated on the skatepark at George Lambton Playing Fields. LC offered to speak with Nick Froy, Headteacher at Newmarket Academy to re-engage the school in a possible skatepark project. WH confirmed that John Smithson, Parks Manager for West Suffolk was conducting a safety review of the site.

RH updated that Newmarket Town Council had approved the approach to the Neighbourhood Plan and work had begun with the establishment of a broad based Neighbourhood Planning Group which would be supported by the Planning Consultant, Alex Munro.

RH confirmed that the Town Council had approved the submission of the 'Royal Newmarket' document.

**ACTIONS:**

- **RH to circulate what had been submitted by the Town Council**
- **LC to request written support from Cllr Mark Bee**
- **LW to request written support from Cllr Waters and Cllr Griffiths**
- **LC to discuss written support with Valerie Hill, Clerk to the Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk**

The notes from the last meeting were agreed as correct.

**B/F Actions:**

- RH to advise LW of contact name at TK Maxx
- LC to contact Judith Mobbs with view to attending future Equine Hub focus group meetings
- RF to update Community Planning Delivery Group on support / advice available from Locality in relation to examples of cross boarder Neighbourhood Plans.
- RF to invite Peter Horn to a future meeting of the Transport Delivery Group to discuss cycling routes.
- CR to send a reminder to Delivery Groups requesting that they send dates and confirmed minutes so that arrangements can be made for them to be posted on the website.
- LC to discuss with Nick Froy the possibilities of young people engaging in a project to renovate the skatepark at George Lambton Playing Fields.

### 3. Action Plan Review

LW confirmed that the Action Plan had now been updated as far as possible, with the information available.

#### **Town Centre / Retail, Local Economy and Tourism Delivery Group -**

Meeting taking place on Friday where the Action Plan would be updated. Action 3.8 relating to the Guineas was ongoing. LW to meet with the new owners of the Guineas to discuss potential opportunities. The Market re-launch would be part of 'Love your Market' week.

**Equine Hub Focus Group** – Latest meeting of the group had been cancelled but the Action Plan is up to date. SCC had received a number of FOI requests relating to the Horse Racing Industry in Newmarket. **ACTION: BG to forward FOI response to members of the Steering Group.**

**Community Planning Delivery Group** – Actions relating to open space had been updated. Need for an anticipated Neighbourhood Plan finish date to be included.

**Transport Delivery Group** – The group had delivered on a number of the actions although it was recognised that the group had a head start. Concerns around the number of High Street improvement projects had been identified. Officers felt that it was important that the 'street scene' was reviewed before confirmed plans were put forward. It was suggested that proposals for High Street improvements should be signed off at Delivery Group level before coming through to the Steering Group. The Officers' Group had recently been updated in relation to the forthcoming Parking Strategy which would take into account the Museum Development, review of residents parking and FHDC Pocket Car Parks. The importance of feeding the potential impact of the NED Project into discussions was noted.

**Education Delivery Group** – The group will be meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015 and will confirm the revised actions moving forward. Action R1 relating to strategic governing bodies was ongoing.

BG noted the importance that actions were recognised as being undertaken by Newmarket Vision. Could more work be done to ensure that actions were highlighted. LW suggested that Lead Officers on each group spot the opportunities for positive media.

### 4. Update from Delivery Groups and Equine Hub Focus Group

No further updates

### 5. Communications

The new e-newsletter was well received. LW confirmed that it had been circulated to over 400 people on the database of interested parties. The newsletter would be produced monthly based on the minutes from each of the Delivery Groups. There was an opportunity to place specific features as and when required.

## 6. Neighbourhood Plan

WH updated that the Town Council had received £9,000 from SCC towards the cost of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP). Although the Newmarket Town Council (NTC) were commissioning the work and were the decision making body they would work through the Newmarket Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, who would then feed back to the Town Council. Terms of Reference have been developed and reviewed by the group which were approved at the NTC committee meeting on 26 January. Additional members have joined the Newmarket NP Steering Group in order to have additional key local partners on the group.

The issue of funding the Neighbourhood Plan was discussed and it was suggested that as further funds are required the Neighbourhood Plan Sub-Group approaches the Steering Group. LW confirmed that once the area covered by the plan had been finalised, Central Government funding which is channelled through the district council, could be accessed.

## 7. Studlands update

RB updated on the work being undertaken with the newly formed Studlands Residents Association. The recent meeting had focused around speeding on the estate. Police data suggested that speeding was not excessive however there were some exceptions. The Association had decided to go forward with a request for the estate to become a 20mph zone as well as establishing a 'Community Speed Watch Scheme. The group had signed off their constitution and opened a community bank account. District Council Councillors were supporting the group with Locality Budget which would be used to communicate with residents by producing a newsletter and installing community notice boards.

## 8. Any other business

The frequency of meetings was discussed and agreed to review following the General and Local Elections in May.

**Date and time of next meeting:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 9.30am

**Dates for 2015:** 9.30am unless otherwise stated

**Venue:** Newmarket Town Council Offices

16 Mar 2015 Mon		19 Nov 2015 Thurs
23 Apr 2015 Thurs 1.00-2.30pm ♦ <b>3pm</b> or another date ♦ <i>Thurs 22 April 1pm ?</i>	16 July 2015 Thurs	9 Dec 2015 Wed ♦2.00-4.00pm ♦
14 May 2015 Thurs	13 Aug 2015 Thurs	
	24 Sep 2015 Thurs	
24 Jun 2015 Wed	15 Oct 2015 Thurs	