



**Newmarket Vision Steering Group
Minutes of the meeting held on
Thursday, 24 September, 2015 at 9.45am at
Newmarket Town Council,
Sir Ernest Cassel Meeting Room**

Present:

Sarah Stamp, Chair
Robin Millar
Warwick Hirst

Robert Feakes
Christine Rush

Apologies:

Bryn Griffiths
Liz Watts

Sara Blake
Simon Phelan

1. Minutes of the last Meeting, 3 September 2015

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as correct.

2. Roles of Steering Group and Delivery Groups

The two areas of work developed by the NV Community Planning Delivery Group (NVCPDG) are ready for passing to different bodies:

- a) the Green Corridor, supported by FHDC John Smithson, should be moved to the NV TRET Delivery Group's Tourism Sub-Group; and
- b) the Newmarket Neighbourhood Plan, supported by FHDC Marie Smith, should be the responsibility of the Newmarket Town Council.

This will support efforts of the Town Council to clarify ownership of the Neighbourhood Plan. WH mentioned that more Town Councillors will be added to the Newmarket Neighbourhood Plan group.

With no outstanding work, the NVCPDG will be disbanded. LW has recently met with Rachel Hood, current chair of the NVCPDG, to discuss this and relinquishing this work which that group had successfully nurtured from the Princes Foundation priority list over the last year.

The Chairs of the other NV Delivery Groups will be asked to consider their workloads (see next Item).

Actions:

- Letters to be drafted to RH and the NVCPDG with sincere thanks (LW);
- A letter to Town Council regarding the Neighbourhood Plan (LW);
- A note to TRET Delivery Group (LW).

The role of the Steering Group

Governance will be improved with a proper strategic link to the remaining Delivery Groups and the Equine Hub Focus Group. Therefore the following Chairs will be invited to join the Steering Group:

Chair	NV Group
Noel Byrne	NV Town Centre/Retail, Local Economy and Tourism Delivery Group
Howard Lay	NV Education Delivery Group
James Finch	NV Traffic/Highways Delivery Group
William Gittus	Equine Hub Focus Group

Clarification will be sought from the Newmarket Town Mayor, Cllr John Berry, on representation of the Town Council on this Group.

SS can represent James Finch if necessary.

3. Working Groups Progress and Priorities

The remaining Delivery Groups will be asked to consider their workloads, update on priorities, achievements to date, obstacles and ongoing support requirements.

It was agreed the next meeting date 15 October should be cancelled. This will give the DGs time to meet, so the Chairs can report to the next meeting (19 November).

Action

- Invitation email to be drafted to above mentioned Chairs to join the NVSG and attend on 19 November with their updates.

4. Communications

- **E-Newsletter:** The current author has agreed to continue to produce the monthly e-Newsletter, as last six months arrangement.
- Mark Beaumont, FHDC Comms member will edit the e-Newsletter.
- **Info-graphics:** LW sent first draft to RM, but after the November meeting will have more achievements to add, so Comms can capture Newmarket Vision achievements and produce info-graphic.
Action: B/F to December meeting.
- **Social Media:** Mark Beaumont tweets Newmarket Vision material.
- **Deloitte Report:** The meeting agreed the report received great coverage, a good economic story for Newmarket. All supportive reviews by TV and Newspapers. RM stated we now have a formal report that can be used to plug an evidence gap of what the wider impact of racing in Newmarket is (e.g. feeds into the evidence base of Local Plan).
- **NV Conference:** Discussion to be taken forward to November meeting but potentially late January/early February a good time to hold a conference / celebration of what has been achieved by the local community involved.

Action: A half day NV Conference for NV Groups with workshops B/F.

5. Any Other Business

Appreciation for the support of LW in progressing the NV was noted and good wishes for future.

6. Future Dates

Dates: 19th November 2015
9th December 2015 (2 – 4pm)
Time: 9.30am unless otherwise stated
Venue: Newmarket Town Council Offices