DINNINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Minutes of a Meeting
Held on Thursday 10th October 2018
Council Office, Lyric Theatre, Dinnington.

Present: David Smith (Chairman), Pauline Davies (DSJTC), James Simmonds (DSJTC), Andy Milner (DSJTC), David Dixon (Vice Chairman) Linda Banham, Rachel Gyte and Debra Bloor.

In attendance: Andrew Towlerton (Neighbourhood Planning Consultant and secretary)

Apologies: Steve Moore, Pam Cotton, Brian Keeley and Brenda Keeley

1. To consider the key actions from the meeting held on 13th September 2018

   The minutes from 13 September 2018 meeting were accepted and approved as a true copy. Any specific points arising were covered under the main agenda.

2. To consider the latest draft of the Plan.

   A Towlerton provided copies of the latest version. He explained that it was hoped it was now just about complete bar a few areas that would benefit from clarification. He explained that he would arrange for both electronic and paper copies to be made available for the Group for their comment. It was agreed that references to community safety especially in relation to the Town Centre should be strengthened.

3. To confirm community and other consultation arrangements on the draft plan.

   Timescales – the aim was that the consultation on the draft plan would commence late November. AT to lead. Reference was made to the suggested timescales prepared by Rotherham. It was considered that these were far too long. AT agreed to take this up with Rotherham MBC.

   Statutory Consultees – AT agreed to provide a list.

   Community Consultees – DS agreed to help prepare a list; AM offered to help with business contact.

   Flyer and posters – AT agreed to prepare this. He asked AM if could provide a word version of the previous one, which he promised to do

   Publicly available paper version of the Plan – it was agreed that copies should be made available in the Town Hall and other suitable locations.

   Drop-in Events – it was confirmed that this should take place on Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th November at the Town Hall subject to the Hall being available. This would be in similar in style to previous event. DS agreed to confirm that the hall was available. It was underlined that it was important that this should be well publicised. DD agreed to lead on the display boards.

   Meetings with local councillors, public health and others – it was agreed that this should be sought as part of the consultation. It was agreed that the local MP should be added to this list. It was confirmed that Terry Roche was the best person to contact in public health.

4. To receive updates on Supporting Evidence reports:

   Local Green Spaces

   Rotherham MBC had agreed to consider the proposals, and it was hoped that we would receive their comments shortly.
Local Character Buildings and Structures

A Towerton had independently assessed these. He said he was impressed with the work today. He was comfortable with all the suggestions bar the Methodist Church and Ye Old Club. These required further justification. After discussions, it was agreed to remove these. He explained that he was seeking clarification on whether some of the heritage assets proposed linked to St Leonard’s Church could be listed individually or ought best if they formed part of the overall listing for the Church.

Housing Need and Characteristics

It was completed that this had been completed.

5. To receive a progress report on the Scarsdale Housing Site and consider next steps.

David Smith explained that the TC had spoken to the local school about using part of their site to enable vehicular access. They had been positive about this request but would require further consultation and discussion with the school governors and the academy trust. A Towerton spoke about potential funding opportunities to take forward the site. It was agreed that a sub-group of the Steering Group should be established to look at the site. This should meet after the NP Steering Group. All members were invited to join this Group.

6. Any other business.

Dave Dixon explained that he had been looking into site and funding options in relation to the proposed leisure centre. It was agreed that a sub-group of the Steering Group should be established to look at the proposal to develop a swimming pool in depth. A number of people offered to join this group. DD agreed to coordinate this meeting.

7. To confirm the date of the next group meeting

It was agreed that this should take place on Thursday 8 November 2018 at 7.00 p.m. at the Town Council Offices and should focus on consultation arrangements for the Draft Plan.