

MEETING NOTE

WOLVERTON AGORA TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP – MEETING 4.

10th December 2018

ATTENDEES:

CLlr Rob Middleton (Chair)	Milton Keynes Council and Ward Member for Wolverton
Ed Palmieri	Milton Keynes Council
Andy Forbes	Kings Church
Marie Osborne	Future Wolverton
Taj Raja	Wolverton business owner and Central Mosque attendee
Allan Nall	Wolverton Business Association
Hilary Saunders	Wolverton and Greenleys Town Council
David Beattie	Future Wolverton
Steve Barby	Future Wolverton and Town Council Representative
Jonny Anstead	TOWN
Neil Murphy	TOWN
Marketa Nosalova	TOWN

Previous Minutes

- AN noted that previous minutes refer to TOWN submitting an application to stop up an adopted highway. AN noted this is not possible as only the Highways Authority can submit an application for stopping up a road. It was agreed TOWN will clarify and re-issue the minutes.

Terms of Reference

- The updated terms of reference for the group, as circulated earlier by NM, were discussed.
- It was agreed that the use of the word 'support' would be replaced with 'critical friend' or similar.

Membership of the Stakeholder Group

As circulated by email from RM (12/10/18), with additional comments incorporated from HS, the membership of the stakeholder group is expected to be expanded as follows:

- Stephen Norrish, Director, MK Christian Foundation - to strengthen representation of the voluntary and community sector.

- Paula Lawson, Head teacher, The Radcliffe School - to strengthen representation of children and young people.
- A representative from The New Queen Victoria - to strengthen representation of local business with a focus on the hospitality sector.

In addition, the following was noted in RM's email:

- A letter be circulated by Future Wolverton on behalf of the Stakeholder Group to local businesses, trading on Church Street, inviting expressions of interest in joining the Stakeholder Group.
- The Stakeholder Group agrees that details of any expressions of interest from local businesses are shared with the Stakeholder Group, by email, as soon as possible. Save where there are valid and reasoned objections from members of the Stakeholder Group, the Chair will favour their inclusion as a member provided their membership would serve to strengthen our discussions.
- Mike Edwards, former Chief Planner of MKC, be invited to attend the planned workshop to be held during a date in February as an adviser to the Stakeholder Group.

Agora regeneration: planning, design and engagement programme

- NM gave an overview of the latest programme and summarised the roles of the professional team to be appointed.
- It was suggested that the working group meet every 4-5 weeks.
- AF suggested that it would be helpful to make Church street a one-way street and create street parking in that direction early on as this would help the public get used to the idea of a new street system.
- JA gave an overview of the plan for the stakeholder workshop.
- It was agreed that the stakeholder workshop should take place in February as opposed to the current programme in March as that is too close to submission.
- It was noted that the stakeholder workshop should include participants that represent the community in some capacity as it is not a public workshop.

Parking options

- NM summarised the key principles for parking and parking options already agreed previously followed by a review of options.
- RM noted that a budget of £150,000 has been assigned by MKC to this project to assist with off-site parking/transport improvements for the benefit of the town.
- NM noted TOWN is also looking at other forms of funding to improve the public realm, such as HLF funding.
- RM noted the group's input would be welcome on the use of the Section 106 budget.

Actions

- TOWN to circulate presentation.
- TOWN to schedule 3-4 meetings for the group ahead of time.
- The group to suggest participants for the stakeholder workshop. This is to be sent to TOWN via email before Christmas.
- The procedure for the invite list for the stakeholder workshop to be agreed.