

Minutes of Faversham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group held on virtually on Monday 20th July 2020

Present:

Kris Barker
Harold Goodwin
John Irwin (Chair)
Hannah Perkin
Alison Reynolds

In attendance: Adrienne Begent (Deputy Town Clerk)

1.	<u>Apologies for absence</u> Apologies for absence were received from A Hook and G Wade.	
2.	<u>Minutes of Previous Meeting and matters arising</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 15 th June 2020 were approved.	
3.	<u>Feedback from SBC Planners</u> A virtual meeting was held on Friday 17 th July. Steering Group members KB, JI, and HG were joined by James Freeman, Jill Peet and Aaron Wilkinson. AB was in attendance. The SG raised a number of concerns with Swale Planners, including the way the Area Designation request had been handled and the consequences regarding grants, Locality's concerns regarding the handling of the request, sharing of information gathered by SBC for the LP and general support offered by SBC. The discussions were frank, and it is hoped that a better working relationship will evolve going forward. It was agreed that a monthly meeting would be held between the SG and SBC planners starting on Friday 24 th July. The SG would share the evidence base at this meeting, HP had been in contact with Simon Algar concerning sharing Article 4 photographs with the Town Council. SA wanted reassurance from the TC about the sharing of the photographs and the implications. ACTION: SA to be asked to send a written statement about sharing and usage to AB who would seek agreement from TC members that they are happy.	HP
4.	<u>Swale Local Plan meeting to be held on 30th July</u> It was noted that the slowness in the area designation being agreed had caused delays to the NHP. Notably impacting on the public engagement, by now we should be engaging with residents/business owners, finding out what they like and dislike about Faversham. SBC LP is at the site appraisal stage. Town Councillors were starting to complete appraisals for the NHP. The meeting on 30 th July will have serious implications for the future of the town and Faversham Borough Councillors should be made aware of the repercussions that decisions made will have. ACTION: Meeting with Faversham Borough Councillors to be organised for Monday 27 th July at 6pm.	AB

	<p>ACTION: SBC to be asked if the decision made concerning options on the 30th is final or will it go to Full Council.</p> <p>ACTION: SBC to be asked if they will be accepting oral/written questions at/for the meeting on the 30th.</p>	<p>AB</p> <p>AB</p>
5.	<p><u>Final Allocation for Site Appraisals</u></p> <p>The majority of sites for appraisal have been allocated to Councillors, once they have been completed the remaining one can be allocated.</p> <p>ACTION: Councillors to be asked individually if they need support.</p> <p>Conversations with some land owners need to commence.</p>	<p>JI</p>
6.	<p><u>Communication Quotes</u></p> <p>The two quotes from Breakthrough Communications and Curtain &Co were shared with members of the SG in advance of the meeting. KB provided a helpful summary at the meeting for comparing the quotes. After a discussion it was agreed that the SG would Recommend to Town Council that it wished to proceed with appointing Breakthrough Communications.</p> <p>ACTION: Breakthrough Communications to be asked to provide two references.</p> <p>ACTION: Confirmation to be sought from Breakthrough Communications that they can undertake the commissioned work in the next 6-8 weeks.</p> <p>The SG briefly discussed if the NHP should have its own website.</p> <p>ACTION: Website to be added to next agenda.</p>	<p>AB</p> <p>AB</p> <p>AB/JI</p>