

SUDBURY STEERING GROUP

Working towards a shared vision for Sudbury: "A local destination town, providing leisure, shopping, cultural experiences and a night time economy"

AGENDA

FRIDAY, 25TH JULY 2014 4.00 PM – 6.00 PM

THE PAVILION ROOM, THE BRIDGE PROJECT, GAINSBOROUGH STREET, SUDBURY

Part 1

1. Welcome & Introductions – ***Nigel Bennett – Chair***
2. Apologies
3. Notes from meeting on 20th June 2014
4. Matters arising
5. Town Team update – **Chris Storey**
6. Community engagement - Belle Vue Concept
 - Feedback from the "Party in the Park" event
 - Any refinement following initial/informal engagement responses
 - Future engagement
 - Publicity
7. Hamilton Road Quarter – feedback on WSP draft appraisal report on the Sudbury Bus Station

**SUDBURY STEERING GROUP MEETING, FRIDAY 25 JULY 2014
MAIN NOTES AND ACTIONS**

In Attendance

Steering Group Members:

Simon Barrett, (SBa) - BDC Ward Member
Nigel Bennett (NB) - BDC Ward Member
Colin Spence (CS) – Suffolk County Council
Chris Storey (CSt) - Sudbury and District
Chamber of Commerce (CoC)
Mark Bills (MB) – Gainsborough’s House

Advisory / Support Officers.

Sue Dawes (SD) - BDC/MSDC
Jacqui Howells (JH) – Sudbury Town Council
Melanie Yolland - (MH) BDC/MSDC

Items under Part 1

1. Welcome by Chair and round table introductions.

2. Apologies – Lesley Ford-Platt, Sudbury Market Town Partnership, Lindsay Barker, BDC

3. Notes of the Meeting 20th June Agreed and signed

4. Matters arising: update on 2nd action point under item 3 not available for this meeting. Carry over to September meeting.

5. Town Team Update: CS provided an update on town team activities including:

- Revision of its detailed action plan underway.
- A well attended and supported Taste of Sudbury Food and Drink Event, income generated from event c£3,800 which excludes Town Centre Development Manager’s salary costs.
- New chair to be appointed at the next meeting on 29 July, three applications received for the post.

6. Community Engagement – Belle Vue:

Party in the Park event

An initial summary of the responses and feedback from the Party in the Park event was shared. This was generally positive, in particular the improvement of pedestrian links and enhancements to recreation facilities. Some concern over the future of Belle Vue House had been expressed. Access from Cornard Road into Ingram’s Well Road entrance had been highlighted.

Refinement to exhibition material: **Agreed: Content would remain the same.**

Future engagement

Agreed: A further two public events plus a special youth event to be arranged, together with the consultation boards being on display till the end of the process on 31 August 2014. This then covered a six week period from the first event in the park on 20th July.

Action: SD to finalise the following

- **Daytime drop in event on a Thursday at the Town Hall**
- **Evening session at Belle Vue House to facilitate the public and interested groups to view the internal configuration, condition and constraints of the building first hand.**
- **SD to liaise with BDC Asset Utilisation Manager to facilitate opening of Belle Vue House and to advise the Citizens Advice Bureau of the event.**

Action: NB to take to Eden's project.

Publicity

Media methods were discussed to ensure the engagement process reaches as wide a range of people as possible and provides various routes to enable feedback to be received.

Agreed: Social media, local press and website were the preferred methods.

Action:

- **CSt to post on Facebook**
- **SD to liaise with BDC Communications Team to arrange press releases for East Anglian Daily Times, Suffolk Free Press and the Mercury**
- **SD to post on the Sudbury Steering Group webpage on BDC site and arrange for e forms to be available for submission of on line responses.**

Feedback

Analysis of all responses received will be fed back to the Steering Group in September.

The steering group took comments from the public attending, these will be summarised along with the other responses received throughout the six week process.

7. Any other business

Public attending:

Roger Lloyd (RL) tabled his paper ref Councils 1 (attached) and questioned why the level of investment for Sudbury is so low compared to other Suffolk locations with smaller head-counts; use of funding on behalf of Sudbury is imbalanced.

RL also referred to a cycling update report which went to the 1st Sub Committee highways meeting where Steve Merry provided plans and costing from 2011 (broken down year 1, year 2, and reserve) with no action for 12/13, only one project proposed for 15/16, and no action on other listed work, RL felt there appears to be funding constraints to deliver.

RL asked how the three Councils fund cycle improvements, whilst all are "pro cycling in policy" there appears to be no funding to deliver or improve. RL was advised CIL and s106 funding used to provide cycle routes. CS advised he would pass to the relevant Port Folio Holder at SCC for response.

Action:

- **CS to refer the above to Graham Newman as he would be aware of what's in the plan for comment and report back to a future meeting.**
- **SD to check position of Bakers Mill, Gt Cornard with Chris Moran**
- **SD to check with BDC on CIL contributions**

8. Hamilton Road Quarter – WSP draft appraisal

No comments had been forwarded to SD from Steering Group Members following the June meeting; it was acknowledged that SBa had provided an individual response direct to SCC, individual views were expressed at the meeting, given time constraints of the meeting it was agreed: all members to revisit the document and forward comments to SD within 14 days to amalgamate and forward to SCC.

Part 2 Confidential 2 Items Regeneration and Community Engagement

Signed as true record

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