

BINGLEY TOWN COUNCIL



Bingley Town Council, Myrtle Place, Bingley, BD16 2LF

Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group meeting held virtually via Teams on Thursday 20th January 2022

Councillors present:	Dawson, Gibbons, Owen, Williams
Non-member Councillors in attendance:	None
In attendance:	Eve Haskins (Town Clerk), Lee Searles (Consultant)
Non Councillor members present:	John Dekker, Michael Taylor, Tony Urwin
Members of the public:	None

Start: 6:30pm

Finish: 8:30pm

2122/25 Apologies for Absence

Resolved to receive apologies, and to approve the reasons for absence, from Councillors Carney and Truelove and Martyn Weaver.

2122/26 Disclosures of interest

None received.

No written requests for dispensation received.

2122/27 Minutes

Resolved to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 17th November 2021.

2122/28 Public Participation

None.

2122/29 Introduction to Planning Consultants – Andrea Pellegram Ltd

Members of the Working Group introduced themselves to Mr Searles, outlining their chapter responsibilities of the Neighbourhood Plan, and Mr Searles provided an outline of his previous experience, including working for district councils on planning issues and on Neighbourhood Plans.

2122/30 Planning Consultant's initial review of documentation

Mr Searles reported the following first impressions of the draft Neighbourhood Plan:

- Clear that lots of work has taken place to create this draft Plan, and there are some areas of solid work that feeds through to the policy, however in other areas the policy is not clear.
- Strategic issue: the draft Plan is currently geared towards Bradford Council's Core Strategy, now outdated as Bradford Council are pursuing a new Local Plan, which is more evidence based and overlaying with new themes, which the Town Council's Plan needs to be in conformity with.
- Need to go through each chapter of the draft Plan focusing upon the evidence/background work that has been undertaken and need to ask the following:
 - What we are seeking to achieve with chapters and policies? (Need to ensure it is clear and specific).
 - Who/what else are the policies aimed at, who/what are they seeking to influence?
 - Is the information in place to support/justify change? (Need to set out basis of what you are asking for, using evidence based information which is clearly expressed in the

- policy).
 - Is this adding to the local flavour and specific requirement of Bradford's Local Plan or is it duplicating or opposing it? (If the latter it will be struck out).
- Green infrastructure dimension is one weakness of the draft Plan: need to place more emphasis on river corridors, green infrastructure resources etc. to share the local flavour.
- Parts of the draft Plan require editing, and some parts require more information, which needs to be done chapter by chapter, via individual meetings with the chapter authors.
- Need to focus upon a few priorities rather than too many.

Councillor Owen left the meeting at 7.00pm.

- Consultant to circulate area profile of Bingley to all, as well as an outline of Bradford Council's Local Plan (key themes etc.).

2122/31 Update of the Project Plan

Resolved to receive an update on progress of the Project Plan as follows: timeline will now be longer to incorporate changes/edits, and will be clearer following individual meetings with the consultant.

2122/32 Other items for the Neighbourhood Plan

Resolved that the following were discussed and agreed:

- a) Town Centre chapter amendments

Mr Dekker welcomed comments on the amended chapter, all agreed that the policies were clearer than earlier version.

- b) Milner Field Special Character Area

Mr Searles confirmed that this can be developed as a Special Character Area in the Plan, not a Conservation Area.

- c) Community Asset and Facilities List

Mr Searles advised that the planning authority should protect these facilities (e.g. allotments), and is dependent on evidence of use (e.g. regarding the allotments, existing long waiting list is proof of need).

- d) CIL Policy and chapter

The Chair explained that the CIL Policy is currently being reviewed, which will inform this chapter. Mr Searles advised that a chapter on CIL is not necessary within the Neighbourhood Plan; the Plan should set out the wider aims for the town and CIL could be used to support these, and emphasized that CIL should not be controlled by the district council.

2122/33 Next Meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group will be held on Monday 21st February 2022 at 6.30pm via Teams.