



COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP MEETING MINUTES

Growth and Infrastructure Planning & Regeneration Services

Wed 27th Sept 2017 2.00pm – 4.30p.m. Room 134

ATTENDEES:		
<p>Borough of Poole Attendees:</p> <p>Gabriella Cobelli (GC) Business Support Officer and PA to Julian McLaughlin Nick Perrins (NP) Planning Policy and Implementation Manager Sue Ludwig (SPL) Business Manager Richard Genge (RTG) Planning and Regeneration Manager Monika Kwiatkowska (MK) Planning Officer</p> <p>Community Groups / Resident Associations Attendees:</p> <p>Ann Wood (AW) Hamside Residents Association Ken Bearcroft (KB) Parkstone Bay Association Robert Reid (RR) Branksome Poole and Canford Cliffs Residents Association Brian Finch (BF) Friends of Harbour Reach Malcolm Tyler (MT) Lake Residents Association Susan Chapman (SC) Poole Agenda 21 Corinne Lewis (CL) Viewpoint Residents Association Mike Pearce (MP) Society for Poole Chris Allenby (CA) Poole Quays Forum</p> <p>Apologies External:-</p> <p>Gerald Rigler (GR) Society of Poole Men & Broadstone N Forum Sue Evans-Thomas (SET) Bourne Valley Action Group Graham Whitehall (GW) Lilliput and Neighbourhood Association Clive Bartlett (CB) Poole Old Town</p>		
Item	Description	Action
1.	<p><u>Introduction and minutes to the Regular CWG meeting in Dec 2016 and the AGM June 2017</u></p> <p>There was a brief run through both sets of minutes which followed introductions around the table as well as apologies.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Community Working Group TOR</u></p> <p><i>“To work together in the best interests of Poole to ensure that the community and Borough of Poole achieve quality sustainable environment outcomes in an open and transparent way”</i> Those present agreed with the above Terms of Reference.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Local Plan and CIL Update – Nick Perrins</u></p> <p><u>Local Plan</u></p> <p>NP updated the group on the Local Plan which has recently been out for consultation. The consultation closed on 22nd Sept 2017, with approximately 120 responses received. The next stage would be an examination in public.</p> <p>There was a lengthy discussion and debate on the related detail such as concerns around the Borough’s ability to deliver the supporting infrastructure for new housing, the density of housing in the town going forward once the Plan is adopted, land available for housing in and around Poole now and in the future, the BoP’s ability to deliver Affordable Housing, as well as a brief discussion around Poole’s tourist trade in relation to Brexit.</p> <p>NP is confident that the Local Plan will be sufficiently advanced before 31st March 2018 which will enable us to maintain our set housing delivery requirement, which for the BoP is 710 dwellings per annum.</p>	

	<p>Action: NP will keep the group informed in terms of dates and timing.</p> <p>CIL NP also gave an update on the CIL Review, also recently out for consultation. This closed 22nd Sept 2017 though there have only been around 9-10 responses. Most developers were happy with the proposed changes although some concerns were raised by Poole Quays Forum. Going forward in terms of any CIL money accumulated, it is essential we use the money to provide infrastructure to support any new housing - NP confirmed that the team have formulated an Infrastructure Plan which supports any future development.</p> <p>CIL 123 List This is a list of projects that the BoP plan to spend CIL on, though we will be consulting on a new list on where the next phase of CIL will go - possibly looking at the infrastructure which will be needed to support the Town Centre North Project and a review on schools and doctor's surgeries. Planning is continually in contact with colleagues in Education in terms of the need for additional schools or school places. The consultation will most probably be out November 2017. CIL only forms a small part of the funding that is needed for new infrastructure within Poole. Some of it will come from the Environment Agency and the Local Enterprise Plan. Action: NP to keep the CWG informed.</p>	NP
4.	<p>CIL Neighbourhood Portion Please see link here for webpage including the guidance document on how to make a bid for funding. The team would like to draw the Group's attention to this invite from the BoP to the community, to bid for funding to support local projects (named CIL Neighbourhood Portion), The closing date to submit any bids is 31st Oct 2017, however, Broadstone Neighbourhood Forum and PQF are exempt from the bid invite. The BoP is only accepting bids up to the value of £100k unless the request is exceptional in which case, the details will be considered. Note: - there is still the opportunity to submit a bid even if the above deadline is missed as there will be a second round to follow (possibly April 2018). Action: CWG to consider further and submit any requests to NP.</p>	CWG
5.	<p>Broadstone Neighbourhood Plan (NHP) Update - Nick Perrins. This will be going to Place O&S on 4th Oct 2017. If the Plan is accepted this will go to Cabinet on 31st Oct 2017 followed by an examination in public then a referendum. It should be adopted within the next six months. There was mention from SC that Brmth is compiling a Boscombe / Pokesdown NHP (though likely not to be adopted until the tail end of 2018). The point was raised about some residents being hard to reach in terms of communicating to them about new initiatives and policies, as not everyone has access to the internet. This was accepted by the internal team, though the BoP does has imitations regarding this due to Data Protection issues, with more changes to the legislation due in 2018. Action: NP will keep the CWG updated with any progress.</p>	NP
6.	<p>Major Sites Updates and Forthcoming Consultations There was discussion around the major sites around Poole including the Gallagher Site, St. John's House, land at West Quay Road, land adjacent to RNLI, as well as the Sydenhams the Power Station Sites and progress on the Town Centre North project. It was recognised in terms of housing numbers that more houses were built last year than previous years though what gets planning approval and what actually gets built differs. Some were of the opinion that there are too many 2nd homes within some parts of Poole though the evidence base is not there for this to be recognised as an issue similar to St. Ives in Cornwall. Other issues raised included loss of employment sites around the Poole area and the lack of car parking in the Centre against future Dolphin/Legal & General propositions and that the current parking charges in the centre appear to be unreasonable. Townside Access Consultation NP gave a brief outline to the TSA Consultation above though full details to current consultations are available on our website here.</p>	

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Questions and Answers

Sue Chapman - Poole Agenda 21 - raised before the meeting

Q: "Can Poole please implement and prioritise a Climate Literacy and Safer Resource Programme which, with renewables, batteries & energy too cheap to meter, attend to cleaning up our plastic oceans and more careful asset harvesting so that we can more optimistically tackle our energy and resource shortages as all systems very visibly start to fail"?

(Background information was circulated to the Group before the meeting).

A: NP confirmed that we as an authority and department are doing what we can to tackle this issue, and acknowledged SC had put forth comments relating to climate and safer resource to NP as part of the Local Plan consultation.

(Post meeting note: this will be discussed again at the next meeting).

Chris Allenby -Poole Quays Forum - raised before the meeting

Q: "Members that make up the Planning Committee, how often do they get training, how recent was the last training and have they all been on a course regarding tall buildings.

As part of their training are they told that they cannot refer to other planning applications that have not been presented to the Planning Committee and only to debate the application that is front of them? When is Poole going to have a Design Panel NNPF 62, it has been discussed and talked about for over 7 years. Recently the Core Strategy PCS23, the Neighbourhood Plan PQF3 and NNPF paragraphs 56-66 on good design appear to be ignored by the Planning Committee"?

A: Planning Committee members have to have training provided by the Planning Inspectorate as well as Legal and Democratic.

The department is conducting a training session tomorrow - this ensures members are kept abreast of any material considerations or new planning policy. There is also the Delegation Review held twice a year which is another form of training as well as the more historical Member Tour of Inspection.

When making a decision about an application members are advised clearly that it is down to them to balance the material consideration and give due weight to a decision, so long as they have back up reasons to go against a recommendation by a planning officer. Once the Local Plan has been adopted members will receive further training.

In terms of a Design Panel the BoP already have two urban designers. In terms of the Local Plan we will be looking at design needs with BBC, as it is recognised that housing numbers are going up and careful design needs managing.

Mike Pearce - The Society for Poole - raised before the meeting

Q: "I corresponded with Kate Ryan before the summer and it was discussed the Poole North proposals would be discussed with the CWG. I don't see it on he agenda as a specific item, can you advise if this will be the subject of another meeting as there will, I am sure, be a lot to discuss and a few passing moments won't be sufficient to understand or contribute to the discussion" .

A: A new stakeholder workshop has been proposed for Town Centre North. The plans are not ready to be released currently as there is debate as to what options to go for and also members need to be informed initially. A final analysis of the impact is needed to be costed and assessed and car parks will also be taken into account.

Car Parking Charges - raised by Brian Finch

BF mentioned a specific issue which related to the Asda Car Park in Poole and that residents are parking in the Asda Car park so as to escape parking charges in the centre of town. RTG confirmed that he is aware of some S016 issues with Asda which need resolving one of which was parking at the site. *(Post meeting note: BF is communicating with RTG separately on the Asda issue via email).*

Sydenhams Site - raised by Malcolm Tyler before the meeting

Discussed as part of item 6.

Date Of Next Three Meetings:-

Wed 13th Dec 2017 2.00pm-4.30pm ROOM 134

Thurs 8th Feb 2018 2.00pm-4.30pm ROOM 134

Wed 18th Apr 2018 6.00pm-9.00pm Committee Suite (CWG AGM)