



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE on Monday, 21st March 2022 at 6.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of Colne Town Hall

In attendance: Cllr D. Cockburn-Price, Cllr S. Cockburn-Price (Chairman), Mr P. Foxley (Co-opted), Cllr J. Nixon, Mr J. Stanford (Co-opted), Cllr H. Thomas and Cllr B. Wildman (Vice-Chairman).

Others in attendance: Ms G. Langley (Responsible Financial Officer), Cllr E. Hurley, Cllr K. McNulty and Mr M. Wellock (Kirkwells Planning Consultant).

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all to the March 2022 Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee (NPAC) meeting of Colne Town Council.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr A. Mann and were duly accepted.

3. Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest from Members relating to any item on the agenda in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Conduct and/or indicate if S106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to them.

No declarations were received.

4. Minutes

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 2nd February 2022.

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 2nd February were accepted as a true and accurate record.

***Proposed by Cllr D. Cockburn-Price
Approved by Committee***

Seconded by Cllr B. Wildman

5. Public Forum

To consider questions, statements or petitions from members of the public who are welcome to the meeting and have a total collectively of 15 minutes to make their representations to the Committee.

Mr C. Unwin spoke about the Landscape Heritage Assets of Tum Hill.

Mr J. Birchenough spoke about concerns over delays in the timeline for the CNDP to reach Regulation 15.

6. Documents needing Full Council Approval

To approve available revised documents for recommendation to Full Council. (Decision required)

- Colne Local Green Space Document

Following a brief discussion, the Colne Local Green Space Document was approved for recommendation to Full Council.

***Proposed by Cllr S. Cockburn-Price
Approved by Committee***

Seconded by Cllr D. Cockburn-Price

7. Site Viability

To receive an update on the master-planning of sites CNDP6/7 and CNDP6/27. (Information only)

The Chairman informed the Committee that the AECOM consultant has confirmed that the Masterplanning Report should be ready before the end of this month, however, there is also an issue on site allocation that the Committee needs to be aware of.

The Planning Consultant explained to Members that, in order to move forward to Regulation 15, the CNDP will need approval from the Environment Agency (EA). Unfortunately, there had been a mix-up with the documents at the EA, and a formal response to Regulation 14 was never received. After chasing this up, the formal response was finally received in February 2022. Unfortunately, the EA have objected to the plan, due to four sites in the allocation list that are contained within a flood zone.

Two of the four sites have already been removed from the site allocation list in response to information received during or after the Regulation 14 Consultation, however this still leaves two sites that the EA have objections to as follows:

CNDP6/6 – Walk Mill / Green Road

CNDP6/24 – ELE, South of Colne Water, Cotton Tree Lane

To avoid further delays with the CNDP, the consultant advised the Committee to take out the sites that are affected by flood risk. This would mean a loss of 166 housing allocations, taking the CNDP's total housing figure from 313 to 147, however it would allow the plan to move on to the next stage.

***Proposed by Cllr S. Cockburn-Price
Approved by Committee***

Seconded by Cllr B. Wildman

Action: Town Clerk/RFO to inform AECOM and the EA of the Committee's decision.

8. Other Elements of the Evidence Base

To consider whether other technical documents are ready to be put forward for approval by Full Council. (Decision required)

The remaining documents for the evidence base are as follows:

The Consultation Statement
The Site Assessments
The Heritage Appraisal
The SEA/HRA
The Draft CNDP
The Basic Condition Statement

These documents are with the planning consultant and are all in a reasonable state of preparation. Now that we are closer to finalising the housing list, these documents can be amended accordingly and then brought to the next couple of meetings.

The Chairman stated that the Committee is aware that all these documents lie in the planning consultant's remit, however if there is anything that Members can do to help, that Kirkwells should not hesitate to ask.

The Chairman informed the Committee that Locality have written to the Clerk to let us know that the Health Check Technical Support Package is ready to go, whenever we should need it, and that if they have an approximation of timing, they should be able to turn this around in a couple of weeks.

Action: The Town Clerk/RFO to direct Locality to the Council Website and the documents that have already been approved, and to keep them updated of any developments.

9. Colne Design Code Consultation

To review the comments received during the informal consultation for Colne's Design Code. (Decision required)

The spreadsheet of comments received during the informal consultation for the Design Code was presented to the Committee.

Members discussed the document page by page, requiring a number of areas to be referred back to AECOM for amendments and re-wording.

Action: Town Clerk / RFO to send details to the AECOM consultant.

10. A Review of Other Work Areas Yet to be Completed Prior to Regulation 15

A verbal update on areas of progress and a review of areas that still need to be completed or reviewed prior to Regulation 15. (Information only)

This has already been covered under Item 8.

11. Items for a future month's Agenda

Points raised under this item are for information only, any debate should be limited to five minutes only and to consider them for the agenda for a future month. (Information only)

Gantt Chart referring to the remaining timeline of activity.

12. Date & Time of Next Regular Meeting

The next NPAC Committee meeting is still to be confirmed.

This meeting was concluded at 8:26 p.m.