Minutes of the Meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee

of Saddleworth Parish Council Held at the Civic Hall, Lee Street, Uppermill on

Thursday 22nd February 2018

There were present: Cllrs: Rob Knotts (Vice Chair)

Geoff Bayley

Paul Fryer

John McCann (OMBC)

Georgina Brownridge (OMBC)

Lisa Macdonald (DP)

Jane Soriente (DP)

Andrew Fletcher

**110.** **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Barbara Beeley (Chair) and Pam Byrne, Adele Metcalfe (PP) and Geoff Willerton.

**111. Minutes of the meeting held on 25th January 2018**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

**112.** **Actions agreed last meeting not included separately on the agenda**

Cllr Knotts’ list of objectives re Tanner’s / Fletchers sites is in progress.

Georgina Brownridge confirmed that the mill on Wellington Road, Greenfield, is not a listed building.

Cllr. Knotts has approached both the Round Table and the Rotary Club regarding a presentation to them and is awaiting a response.

Lisa MacDonald said that she will forward the e-mails from Louise Slater regarding the list of different sectors to be contacted regarding the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Fryer said that he will consult the Environment Committee at its meeting on 26th February regarding their involvement in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Lisa MacDonald said that she has spoken to Barbara Beeley and Sue Palfrey (OMBC) about involving the Youth Council in the Plan. Both were very receptive of the idea. Lisa asked if either Cllr. Beeley or Cllr. Knotts could send Sue Palfrey a brief.

Georgina Brownridge said that she has done the UDP note re Fletchers / Tanners.

**113.** **Website launch and training**

In the absence of Cllr. Beeley this item was deferred to the next meeting.

**114. Update from Fletcher’s/Tanner’s Meetings**

Andrew Fletcher said that there have been 3 meetings since the Strategic Planning meeting on 25th January, two of the usual group and one with Alan Chorlton, the agent for Tanner’s. Cllr. McLaren is trying to arrange meetings with IBI and Pureco (Fletcher’s). Purico’s agent, John Phipps, appears keen to meet.

Cllr. Knotts said that it is important to get the Tanners site right as it will be a good template for the rest on Saddleworth for the Neighbourhood Plan.

The next public GMSF consultation on Fletcher’s / Tanner’s will take place in the summer.

**115. Review of Project Timeline**

Cllr Knotts said that the timeline is delayed, partly because the work was grossly underestimated due to the complexity of the parish. He said that Cllr. Beeley has suggested a further round of consultation meetings to bring the communities back online. Georgina Brownridge suggested that, as part of the consultations, each village could agree a list of objectives for each village for the issues which they had previously identified.

Andrew Fletcher said that a scoping exercise for the Neighbourhood Plan has not been done. He suggested that, although it is still early in the process, a first draft needs to be prepared as a working document.

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* Must relate to Oldham’s Local Plan
* Georgina Brownridge said that Liz Dryden-Stuart has a template document which she will circulate
* Cllr. Knotts said that some of the scoping may come out of the discussion on the surveys later in the meeting.
* Liz MacDonald said that Joanne Betts (OMBC) is able to attend either of the next two meetings to discuss transport issues.

**116.** **Survey**

Cllr. Knotts circulated a draft survey which he had based on the one devised by the Dobross Community Association, having had their permission to use it. The survey which had been used for the Parish Plan had also been sent for circulation by Cllr. Beeley. The meeting worked through both surveys in detail and a number of amendments were suggested. Cllr. Knotts said that he would redraft the survey for the next meeting.

Lisa MacDonald suggested that, once the group has agreed the survey, one of the Community Associations could be asked to test it before it is rolled out.

**117. Funding**

Cllr. Knotts said that he had written to Cllr. Hudson, the Chairman of the Finance Committee and a motion is to be debated at Council on Monday 26th February. He has yet to speak to Deb Appleby.

Georgina Brownridge said that Cllr. Beeley has met with Ellie Eccleston but she is not aware of the outcome of that discussion.

Cllr. Knotts reminded the group that the grant already received will have to be paid back if it is not spent by 31st March. Lisa MacDonald asked whether it had to be physically spent or just allocated. Cllr. Knotts will include this in his discussion with Deb Appleby.

**118. Any other business:**

Andrew Fletcher said that 2 residents have volunteered to join the group – one lives in Greenfield, has a planning background and used to work for TfGM, and the other lives in Uppermill, and has worked for the British Council and has offered his services. It was felt that the first individual could be of value on the transport issues and the second could perhaps manage the website and become involved in the analysis of the housing requirements data post the second round of consultation on GMSF. Cllr Knotts said that he will discuss both individuals with Cllr Beeley.

**119. Dates of next meetings**

To be held at 9:30am at Uppermill Civic Hall on:

Thursday 22nd March 2018 (Cllr Fryer offered his apologies for this meeting)

Thursday 26th April 2018

Additional meetings will be called as required.