

**Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee, held at the Civic Hall Uppermill,
24 February 2022.**

Present: Cllrs. B. Beeley (CH)
S. Al-Hamdani R. Knotts
M. Woodvine

3012. Apologies for absence:

Cllrs. Byrne and Dawson
G. Brownridge
A. Fletcher
C. Wilkins

3013. Declarations of interest

None

3014. Minutes of 25 November 2021 and 16 December 2021

Agreed as true record and signed at the meeting by the chair.

3015. Neighbourhood Plan Update

Cllrs Beeley and Al-Hamdani had met to discuss update.

Cllr. Al- Hamdani referred to the draft Neighbourhood Plan which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. He said that he had included background information as OMBC required justification for policies. And stated that notes in red indicated a note mainly from council officers and needed more development.

Cllr. Knotts said that in the Transport section, consideration given to cycling in Saddleworth was almost zero. Cllr. Al- Hamdani sad that recommendations could be made concerning cycling but could not contradict the Local Plan. Cllr. Knotts to send note on cycling for possible inclusion to Cllr. Al- Hamdani.

Cllr. Al-Hamdani said that there was an error to correct regarding a target date for becoming carbon neutral. That it should be a 20 year plan, from 2022- 2042. Cllr. Beeley said that the requirement to review/update the plan was ever 5 years.

Health- needs emphasis on the fact that residents have to go outside the parish, needs a focus on how accessible medical facilities are. Cllr. Knotts said that the total picture needs to be flagged up, e.g. how difficult it is for some residents who don't drive to access medical facilities. Cllr. Woodvine - need to state that there is a lack of facilities and residents need to travel to Tameside. Cllr. Knotts asked if investment could be requested and Cllr. Beeley said it can be included in the recommendations.

Cllr. Knotts said to include in Transport lack of Ring and Ride buses and poor access facilities at Greenfield Railway Station and to include parking facilities as development is increased. Also reference footpaths and places of worship. Cllr. Al- Hamdani said that culture, theatres, museums etc. can be included in tourism.

With reference to legislation, the Vision Statement stays the same as agreed by SP Council.

Cllr. Knotts- should the parish council have decision making powers when it comes to planning decisions. Cllr. Al- Hamdani said that would be captured in the Plan as an ambition. Cllr. Woodvine suggested that it would be better to include that in a Parish Plan which was agreed but Cllr. Al-Hamdani said it could be included in the design section as an ambition.

Environment- Waiting for comments from A. Fletcher.

Cllr. Al-Hamdani said that SPC had approved a target of 2035 to become Carbon neutral but OMBC had a target of 2030 therefore this section needed rephrasing.

Construction- options to be sent to OMBC as comments had been received from them.

Health and Wellbeing- No changes.

Cllr. Beeley said that there need to be an explanation of the 20 minute neighbourhood included.

Cllr. Knotts said to include leisure facilities and energy creation in the infrastructure, and was any analysis carried out by OMBC regarding housing needs?

Cllr. Al- Hamdani said that there was and it was kept current by OMBC. Cllr. Knotts asked that HMO's be included in the narrative section.

3016. Affordable Homes Floor Area.

Discussion regarding the basic principle of only allowing floor area for current needs as when people moved on would possibly supply more affordable housing. But too prescriptive. And that there was not enough evidence to support the proposal without justification. It was resolved that the Chair would respond.

Next Meeting: 31 March 2022 09.30 a.m.

