Minutes of the Meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee

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

Thursday 31st October 2019

Present: Parish Councillors: Barbara Beeley (Chair)

Sam Al-Hamdani

Max Woodvine

Georgina Brownridge

Andrew Fletcher

Rob Knotts

Lisa MacDonald

Geoff Willerton

**263. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Belmore, Byrne and K. Dawson (SPC), Jane Soriente (DP) and Adele Metcalfe (PP).

**264. Minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 2019**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 2019 were **APPROVED and SIGNED**.

**265.** **Matters arising**

**M255 Fletcher’s Update**

Lisa MacDonald said that Oldham Council are planning to hold an internal update meeting in the very near future following which she will be arranging a meeting of the wider group chaired by Cllr McLaren.

**266. Survey Update**

Cllr Al-Hamdani thanked the committee members for their comments which he had now incorporated into the latest draft. The section on Transport was discussed and the questions agreed. The Clerk said that the Traffic and Transport Committee was now heavily involved in drafting the parish Council’s response to the GMCA bus consultations and had agreed to defer their survey until this was completed.

Cllr Al-Hamdani said that he will now create the paper survey, so that quotes for printing can be obtained for inclusion in the grant application.

The options for distributing paper copies were discussed and the Clerk said that she would speak to the Saddleworth Independent to see if it could be distributed with the newspapers. It was **AGREED that a Freepost address should be obtained to encourage the return of the paper copies. This could also be included in the grant application.**

**267. Website Update**

Cllr Al-Hamdani’s said that some amendments are still needed and he has asked Cornerstones for a quote for the work which includes setting up the password protected pages for individual villages. He also said that a link to the Neighbourhood Plan website needs to be set up on the Council’s main website.

Rob Knotts suggested that, when the on-line survey is ready to launch, a press release is issued. He also volunteered to advertise it on all relevant social media sites.

Cllr Al-Hamdani suggested that a short video be made to promote the survey on social media.

It was **AGREED that a launch date be set for early in the new year.**

**268. Funding**

Rob Knotts circulated an e-mail from Deb Appleby which said that up to £14,180 is available over the next 2 years, £9,000 of this being available up to 31st March 2020. Other additional funding is available but the project has to meet certain criteria in relation to housing.

It was **AGREED that, once the printing, postage and distribution costs of the survey are known and the cost of the website modifications, a grant application be submitted.**

**269. Consultation - 5G mobile coverage in rural areas.**

Georgina Brownridge Oldham Council’s draft response has now been completed and said that she would ask whether a copy can be sent to Cllr Beeley to enable herself and Cllr Belmore to put the Parish Council’s response together before the 4th November deadline.

**270. Any Other Business**

Rob Knotts circulated a paper which he has prepared about Austerlands and said that he is in the process of doing a similar exercise for Scouthead. He suggested that it may be useful for all the villages to undertake a similar exercise.

The Clerk asked whether another launch event would be appropriate due to the time which had elapsed since the last one. It was agreed that there should be a launch of the survey and aanother open meeting when the results were known

Cllr Beeley said that, due to his university commitments, Cllr Woodvine was unable to attend future meetings and Cllr K. Dawson had agreed to join the committee in his place.

**271. Dates and times of next meetings:**

28th November 2019 26th March 2020

19th December 2019 30th April 2020

30th January 2020 28th May 2020

27th February 2020

all at 9:30am.