

Minutes from Strategic Planning Committee 24 September 2020

Present Cllrs: Barbara Beeley (Chair)
Pam Byrne
Sam Al-Hamdani
Kevin Dawson
Georgina Brownridge (GB) (Oldham MBC)
Andrew Fletcher (AF)

310. Apologies

Geoff Willerton

Jane Soriente

311. Minutes from Meeting 27 August 2020

Approved

312. Matters arising not on the Agenda

Cllr. Byrne stated that there was no inclusion for cycling in the Oldham plan for Saddleworth. Need to push for inclusion. GB said that as part of the Local plan review this has been picked up. GB will make enquiries as to what is included in the review. Cllr. Al-Hamdani referred to the B Network projects and said that the issue of cycling had been raised and SPC need to feed back up to OMBC. A specific question was asked in the survey.

313. Survey Results and inclusion in Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr. Al-Hamdani asked if anybody required anything specific from the survey. Cllr. Beeley said that it would be useful to have some information by village. Cllr. Al-Hamdani asked if specifics could be sent to him. Some of the replies in the survey, the parish council cannot effect, e.g. flooding defences. Could include something about discouraging developments in certain areas and feed that back to appropriate level. Another example. Crime- could report back locally, nationally or GMCA. Cllr. Al-Hamdani said he could prepare a percentage breakdown and report back and provide back for the next meeting. There were 4 main issues, parking and roads, crime, infrastructure, Education and Welfare and Housing. Cllr. Al-Hamdani will provide a report for group responses at the next meeting.

The committee thanked Cllr. A- Hamdani for his work.

GB reminded the group of the restrictions, what can and cannot go into the plan, in relation to other plans.

Cllr. Byrne asked if a previous plan produced by Dobcross Community Association would be included. It was agreed that the data would and Cllr. Beeley would speak with Jane Soreiente as she believed she held the files.

Cllr Al- Hamdani will split out the data as best as he can and present to the group at the next meeting.

GB said that the group needed to start thinking about for the next meeting or the one following how the results from the survey will convert into the plan objectives and policy approach. With reference to Greenspaces, if people want green spaces protected they can be encouraged to make consideration via the Neighbourhood plan if not already protected or marked for development. Cllr. Al- Hamdani said that there are legal mechanisms to go through. If people want the space protected then we can force them to make the consideration through the neighbourhood plan.

Cllr Beeley said that allotments were always popular, and that the existing allotments could be extended. Cllr. Byrne agreed if the money could be found. Cllr. Beeley asked if there were any grants available. Cllr. Al-Hamdani made a link available, however, our income may be over the threshold for funding.

<https://www.nsalg.org.uk/allotment-info/funding-advice/>

Cllr. Beeley asked if it would be possible to support the Allotment Society if SPC do not meet the criteria. Something for future reference.

GB The role of Private Gardens - could consider a planning policy on the development of private gardens.

Cllr. Beeley - Possible alteration to the criteria for the Saddleworth in Bloom competition which could include growing fruit and vegetables, climate change awareness and the inclusion of schools. There was also a big divide regarding tourism.

Cllr. Al-Hamdani - brings in business but has environmental impacts.

Cllr. Beeley put forward the idea of producing a heritage trail.

Cllr. Beeley asked what is the way forward with the plan.

Cllr. Al-Hamdani – Action to create a draft report for the next meeting to be considered. Possibly 3 parts – Neighbourhood Plan, Parish Plan and what needs to be ‘passed up the line’. Data from Dobcross will be significant. As the plan is developed there will be more opportunity for public engagement.

CB – At this stage consultations are not restricted.

314. Fletchers/ Tanners/GMSF update

GB- All papers will go to executive 13 October and then information will be made public.

AF- Is Cllr. McLaren still involved?

Cllr. Beeley will ask Lisa Macdonald as further meetings required.

GB- consultation on local plan in November 2020.

Cllr. Beeley - re. New planning proposals- a suggestion is that responses are sent to the Clerk and this committee to collate responses. Suggested an extra meeting -8 October 2020 10.00. Agreed.