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PAULTON COMMUNITY PLAN

Minutes of Steering Group

05.01.2010

The Red Lion

1. Apologies

Present KS, PL, AM, JS, TB, and HW.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes were then taken as read and signed by KS

3. Matters arising.

KS has responded to the Core Strategy document and received an acceptance email from B&NES.

KS has yet to contact SWRDA and Department of Work & Pensions, he has to forward the Section K results to the 'Get Active' leader.

TB has spoken to the Library about the possibility of having a community cafe there but there are no toilet facilities attached to the library space.

4. Review of the open meeting.

The SG members were pleased with the number of the villagers who attended and several have had positive feed-back from attendees. Eight people signed up as interested in the community group. The remarks included praise for the clarity of the charts exhibited. Andre Fournier felt the time lapse between the questionnaire and results allowed villagers to lose interest in the plan, but the meeting considers the flame can be re-ignited now with the formation of a community group.

5. Next steps

The next step is to construct an up to date list of volunteers and invite them all to a meeting to explain the actions that require a community group to take forward. Members of the parish council will be invited but this will be outside their parish remit. The aim of the meeting is to form a community group and to which we will pass the responsibility for taking forward the items identified by the Action Plan, in some instances as the lead agency and sometimes as supporting agent.

A meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 17 February at 7.30pm in the Wesley Hall. JS volunteered to write a format for this event.

The SG need to identify a lead partner for each action who will then be responsible for co-ordinating any other groups identified within that action. Certain actions rejected by the parish council need to be re-allocated.

KS will speak to Dave Dixon of B&NES regarding the actions given as falling within B&NES's remit.

All the actions need to be reviewed by all SG members and a priority allocated by consideration of the statistical results, the comments and the possibility of significant improvement of life for the villagers. If any member disagrees with the priority already given please contact KS.

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B&NES can then be given a list with an achievable number of priority actions at the top. TB re-iterated that it is important that the plans are realistic and achievable.

Gail Coleshill has suggested to KS that the Somer Partnership and the Local Strategic Partnership are not overlooked. The parish council makes recommendations to the LSP. **KS will ask Dave Dixon and John Bull**

It is hoped that the parish council will monitor the progress of B&NES council's actions; and that the respective parish sub-committees will canvass the unitary authority to progress the priority actions for which the villagers' response to the questionnaire has demonstrated a need.

6. Progress reports on the action plan actions.

KS will now enter non-responders on the reformatted Consolidated Action Plan. There are 6 new items to enter which have been sent to the parish council for consideration.

PL will forward replies from BHS. There has not been any further response from CAB.

JS is in contact with Sustrans.

KS proposed that the final plan is published by the time the Village Assembly takes place in late April; prior to this it is important to have a meeting with the parish council and the Paulton Ward Councillors to confirm their support of the plan. On publication of the plan the SG will be dissolved.

The number of plans and the statutory bodies who require a copy need to be ascertained before printing estimates can be obtained.

KS will ask Timsbury about the cost involved in printing their recently published plan.

7. AOB.

JN proposed that it will be important to show the proposed community group that some of the actions have already been completed. PL suggested a litter picking group and will approach B&NES for equipment.

TB announced that 'The Age of Stupid' is being shown in the Wesley Hall on 20 February at 7.30pm and JS will give a short address about sustainability using the statistics and charts from the questionnaire.

8. The date of the next meeting.

Monday 8 February in the village hall meeting room 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.