

BIGGLESWADE TOWN PLAN STEERING GROUP MEETING

Monday 23 November 2009

Biggleswade Town Council Chamber 7.30 p.m.

Present: Gerry Lawrence – Chair, Cllr. Rex Skinner, Vic Brunt, Andy Buckley, Jean Simmons, Eric Stuart, Peter Jones, Kim Sadler, Nicholas Titley, Pamela Bagnell, Mike Strange, Jemma McLean, Alan Dansey

Apologies: Helen Horner, Sheila Grayston, Doreen Evans

Minutes: E-mailed to members prior to the meeting.
Proposed by Vic Brunt. Seconded by

Matters arising: No matters arising.

Agenda 5: Gerry Lawrence reported that there had been no movement on the Town Centre Master Plan & Strategy Group of Central Bedfordshire. The last planned meeting in November had been cancelled as was the proposed exhibition and public consultation meetings due to have been held in October at St. Andrews Rooms, Biggleswade. The next meeting was due to be held on Wednesday 9 December, 2009.

Agenda 6: Jemma McLean reported on the Data Analysis of the questionnaires. There was considerable debate on the way the percentages had been presented. Eric Stuart suggested a better picture would be given if the actual percentage of questionnaires was used each time – this view was widely supported. Jemma agreed to do this and circulate new figures.

Agenda 7: There was some discussion regarding the value of Focus Groups and their function during the next stage. What would be the best approach for the next stage?
Jemma McLean introduced the idea of “Facilitator Workshops” which would involve “stakeholders” – e.g. Town Council, Central Bedfordshire, Youth Service, Police, Community Groups, etc. It was suggested this should be considered for late January, 2010 and that Jemma would e-mail details to members of the group.

Agenda 8: It was agreed that the programme be put in abeyance.

Agenda 9: Date of Next Meeting – MONDAY 4 January 2010
7.30 p.m at the Town Council Offices