

Masham Neighbourhood Plan (MNP) Steering Group

Meeting at 7.00pm 21st May 2019

Border House Teas

MINUTES

Present: Chair- Paul Theakston (PT), Mark Cunliffe-Lister (MCL), Neil Pickard (NP), Chris I'Anson (CI), Flo Grainger (FG), Richard Mawer (RM), Graham Jameson (GJ), Lucy Scott-Paul (LSP), Georgia Stansfield (GS) James Wilson (JW)

Membership diversity

- A discussion was had around the range of expertise of the group. PT suggested that Nigel Simms would be a useful member of the steering group due to his years of involvement within Harrogate council and Planning. NP suggested that Rhona Pringle could also help as she is involved with other community groups and been involved with rural development for many years. She would also represent the wider area of Wathermarske.

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/rhonapriningle/?originalSubdomain=uk>

It was agreed that these two people would be approached by **PT &NP**.

Website:

- NP reported on the investigation into the construction of a website. The intention is that MNP would have a sub section of the Masham Parish Council website with our own secure section. It will be funded by Masham Parish council and two quotes are being submitted shortly, with the expectation of having a live initial site by mid-July. It was felt that the Wooler neighbourhood plan website was well laid out and content rich.

JW & GS volunteered to be trained to manage the website content.

Establishment & Constitution:

Discussion was had around the legal entity of MNP and it was agreed that it would remain unincorporated. Funding will be sourced and routed via the Parish council. A space will be made in the upstairs office of the Community office for filing of MNP group paperwork and can be used as the mailing address.

PT will draft a Constitution & Aims and Objectives document of the group to be presented and discussed at the next meeting.

Next steps:

First step is to build the evidence base, gather data on population of the communities/housing/jobs/environment etc. It was decided that each member would note down their thoughts on the areas and issues in the community to be considered. **These to be emailed to PT in advance of the next meeting (by 1st July) and he will compile them into appropriate headings to be discussed.**

All.

All aspects of Housing/Environment/Industry & business/ Tourism/ recreation & open spaces etc.

Joe Varga at Harrogate council is available to consult for guidance at all stages of the neighbourhood plan.

As part of a long discussion on the housing needs locally, especially social and affordable housing, NP reported that he had been contacted by a partnership group of local people who are looking at the potential to develop Reahs shop into a tea room, community museum and several affordable flats. The contact was made to ask if the MNP could assist with information and support for their scheme.

It was discussed and decided that it is too early in the MNP to be able to assist at this stage. **NP to inform the group.**

Date of next meeting: Monday 8th July at 7pm in Bordar House Teas