

Minutes of inaugural meeting of the Steering Group held on Monday 22nd February 2016

Present: Pat Black, Ken Black, Iain Keeping, Tracy Oats, Jenny Thomson, David Tanswell, Steven Prince, Pete Weston, Georgina Blackhurst, Graham Spencer, Lesley Grainger, Sheila Chapman, John Mogg, Colin Oats, Carol Weaver, Sheila Marsland, Carole Dzelzainis, Barbara Layfield, Lisa White, Councillor Mike Jones.

One member of the public

- 1. Apologies from Sarah Granger
- 2. Chairman for the meeting: It was proposed by Georgina Blackhurst that Graham Spencer continue his role of Chairman, as he had been leading the group started by the Parish Council in February 2015.
- 3. Introduction: All SG members introduced themselves, with their potted history.
- 4. Graham gave an overview to date. He cited our first proposed site had been derelict for many years, owned by an RSL (Registered Social Landlord) but too small for them to develop. How the Neighbourhood Plan had crystallised our thoughts but challenges to it plus Public Inquiries into proposed developments in Tattenhall had meant the site had been put on the 'back burner' We now have a 'made' Neighbourhood Plan. We feel that we will finally know the result of the Public Inquiry in April 2016. The Parish Council felt in 2015 it was right to pursue the derelict site once again.
- 5. Questions: Will the proposed legislation on the 'right to buy' affect us? No, CLT's are exempt from this legislation.
 - Have the previous 'pre- Steering Group' entered into any legal obligations?
 - No, we had been talking to people who can help and advise us, visiting other successful CLT's. Bringing ideas together, on what we'd like to achieve for our first project.
- 6. Code of Good Practice &
- 7. Code of Confidentiality

The proposed Codes to be adopted by all members of the Steering Group had been circulated a week or so previous to this meeting. Ken Black felt they were badly worded and had drafted new wording. They were not available for all to see this evening. It was stressed that the wording we had used had been passed on to us by an advisor to the National C L T body. After some discussion it was proposed by David Tanswell, seconded by Steven Prince that the wording already supplied would be adopted. Voting took place 18 were in favour and 2 were against. Proposal carried.

8. Skills Audit: For the CLT to succeed it needs people on the Steering Group with a variety of skills. A Skills Audit form was circulated to all, to be returned at the next meeting.



Graham thanked all for attending this first meeting. He felt that we would need meetings on a monthly basis, probably held on a Monday evening. A commitment from Steering Group members would need a minimum of 18 months he felt.

9. Date of next meetings: Monday 14th March, 7.30pm in the Barbour Institute

Monday 11th April, 7.30pm in the Barbour Institute