

Notes of Tattenhall Neighbourhood Plan Review Committee

Barbour Institute, Tattenhall

28th October 2019

PRESENT

Pat Black, Sheila Chapman, Steve Densley, Adele Evans, Andy Freeman, Doug Haynes, Andrew Hull, Terri Hull, Mike Jones, Iain Keeping, Tony Leigh-Smith, Peter Weston, Esther Saddler-Williams.

Ann Wright (Clerk)

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Iain Keeping was elected Chairman.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Esther Saddler Williams was elected Vice Chairman.

APOLOGIES

Lisa Fearn (Inspire Villages)

Neil Matthews (Parish Council)

Caryl Roberts (Friends of Tattenhall)

Rebecca Robinson (Swayne Johnson)

It was reported that Graham Spencer and Carol Waver had withdrawn from the Committee.

DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No interests declared.

It was noted the Clerk would circulate a copy of the Council's code of conduct to members.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION inc PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was noted the committee had been created by the Parish Council to review the Neighbourhood Plan noting that changes do not have to be made to the Plan. If changes are made these will be considered by an inspector and they will judge if the changes are significant enough to require a referendum to be held. Changes made to bring the plan up to date or amend errors which do not impact policies it was understood would not require a referendum. It was noted the Plan does include the provision to review the document after 5 years although there is no legal requirement to do so.

If Local Plan policies have resulted in a Neighbourhood Plan policy becoming outdated this does not invalidate the whole plan.

To review the Plan it was recognised the Committee needs to make an informed decision on how the Plan has performed.

It was noted that there is an acceptance that Neighbourhood Plans do require review on a regular basis and that there is a balance between defending against inappropriate development and the strength of the Local and Neighbourhood Plans. Where Plans have been reviewed this adds strength to their policies and makes it harder for developers to argue that the Plan is out of date.

It was recorded that the Tattenhall & District Neighbourhood Plan is a marvellous document and was a trail blazing achievement and has worked, and the Committee noted its thanks to all those in the steering group who created the Plan originally.

It was reported one of the justifications for the review of the CW&C Local Plan is the impact of Climate Change over the last 5 years and that this needs to be taken into account as part of the Neighbourhood Plan review. The review could also be a tool to identify much needed 'open spaces' in Tattenhall.

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee noted the Terms of Reference.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The following Committee Membership was noted and will be presented at the next of Parish Council Meeting on the 4th November for approval:

Friends of Tattenhall - Tony Leigh-Smith

Residents (individuals) of Tattenhall - Steve Densley, Adele Evans, Peter Weston.

Tattenhall & District Parish Council - Pat Black, Doug Haynes, Iain Keeping, Esther Saddler-Williams

Tattenhall & District Community Land Trust - Sheila Chapman

Tattenhall Park Primary School - Andy Freeman

Tattenhall Wildlife Group (TWiG) - Andrew Hull

CW&C Cllr. Mike Jones confirmed that he would not become a member of the Committee but as the local CW&C Councillor he would attend the meetings when possible and offer his support.

MINUTES

The Committee noted the minutes of the previous working group meeting held on the 19th June and the meeting with CW&C officers on the 28th August 2019.

INDICATORS

Iain Keeping gave a presentation (<https://tattenhallpc.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/tem5-NeighbourhoodPlanReview.pdf>).

It was noted that there is a need monitor the Plan and that this is different to reviewing the Plan. It was asked if there are any parameters for monitoring the Plan and if CW&C could say this had not been done correctly and disregard the work done. It was suggested that there was no reason the scope of the work couldn't be presented to CW&C in advance for agreement.

It was noted the Plan includes 8 objectives and that these can be mapped against the Plan's policies.

It was noted that all the Plans policies and objectives need to be consider against Climate Change.

It was noted that objective 8 community involvement in the plan process had not be included in the framework but should be.

It was agreed the Plan's objectives should be judged against planning decisions made between 2010 and 2014, when the Plan was made and adopted, to create a baseline against which to judge the Plan.

It was noted that there is funding to review Neighbourhood Plans but not monitor them.

It was suggested that the new National Design Guide, an addendum to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) should be considered while reviewing the Plan.

It was noted that CW&C are currently exceeding their land/housing supply targets however at some point this will result in a shortfall and CW&C will not have a 5 year supply as such it is worth considering allocating land for future development in the revised Neighbourhood Plan.

It was explained that the CW&C Local Plan Part 1 is strategic whereas the Local Plan Part 2 is the detailed policies.

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It was agreed that Iain Keeping would complete the table of indicators against objectives and circulate it to the group for consideration and comment. Additional indicators also needed to be identified. This will form an evidence-based monitoring document which will identify the scope of changes required.

It was agreed the indicators need to be agreed by the end of November to allow the monitoring to be completed by the end of January 2020.

DESIGNATED AREA

It was noted the original designated Plan area was based in the Parish Council boundary which has since changed, the working group and Parish Council had agreed to amend the boundary to reflect the Parish Council's new boundary however it was believed the application to change the designated area had not been submitted to CW&C to date. It was therefore agreed to defer this matter until the monitoring had been completed.

NEXT STEPS

Previously discussed.

The next meeting will agree the indicators and former working groups to review planning decisions and applications against the indicators.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 28th November 2019 at 7.30pm
Boys Room, Barbour Institute.

Ann Wright 29/10/2019