

Present: Ruth Geary George Maccoby Dave Hutchinson Cllr Joan Atkinson Bob Latimer (Whitburn) Don Maxwell Joe Thompson Delia McNally Miriam Hardie Viv Davies Roy Wilburn Grahame Tobin Mervyn Butler Susan Lawrence Howard Lawrence Lynn Nichols Bridie Nichols Sue Balmer	Apologies: Kirstin Richardson Jane Howarth Lesley Younger Alan Younger Christine Coleman-Smith Kevin Ayre Phil Payne
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Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the meeting were approved by members present.

Welcome from the Chair:

Dave welcomed members to the meeting.

Impact of new housing on sewage discharge – Bob Latimer:

Bob Latimer, a member of the Whitburn Neighbourhood forum, presented his findings on sewage discharge in the area. A synopsis of his presentation is attached with these minutes. Bob was thanked for his campaigning and discussion followed. Bob will continue to research routes for sewerage from Boldon and will report back to this forum.

Action:

- *Forum executive to raise question of sewerage at next meeting with the Council and bear issue in mind when drafting policies.*

IAMP consultation – potential impact on Forum area:

Merv gave feedback on recent consultation event on IAMP. The issues for EBNF area include:

- traffic management for site and impact on East Boldon unclear
- increased housing demand and developers could see East Boldon as being well-placed
- proximity of modern employment units could diminish need for Cleadon Lane sites
- integrated transport system with links to metro and bus networks are not clarified in consultation documents

Points made in discussion included the view that the development of the metro was not covered but it was good to see the development of a site to include apprenticeships. Job creation is important to the area, but infrastructure must be given high priority. Plans are shown for the mitigation of the site and protection of wildlife associated with the river Don. Although areas are designated for protection, it should be recognised that the IAMP project has taken large areas of green belt land. Hard copies of the consultation documents are in the library. The deadline for responses is May 19th.

Action:

- *Dave to prepare draft response for EBNF*
- *Forum members to send comments to Dave asap for inclusion in response*
- *Dave to email EBNF members to encourage individual responses*

Housing Needs Assessment – AECOM report:

Aecom has produced a comprehensive housing needs assessment document for the EBNF area, as requested. This was commissioned by the forum, at no cost, because the EBNF boundary does not correspond to the ward boundary. The Council could not provide information because of this. Jane has done a synopsis of the main points of the Aecom report:

- There is a need for 2-3-bedroom properties.
- There is no need for larger executive homes.
- Bungalows are needed for an older population.
- Housing affordability is important as there are few homes for private rent, social rent or shared ownership.

The report has been shared with our consultant, who will add further comments. The report represents a draft at present and will consider comments from the Council and residents.

Aecom's figure of houses needed up to 2031 does not take into account the view from South Tyneside Council. Clarification will be needed from Council.

The Local Plan, due from the Council sometime this year, will meet borough-wide requirements. Information from the draft Aecom report should feed into it.

The EBNF housing needs survey had 57 responses. These will be summarised and added to the information to inform relevant policies for the EB Neighbourhood Plan.

Action:

- *Executive to share Aecom's report with the Council*
- *Forum members to request access to the report from the Secretary at: info.eastboldonforum@gmail.com*
- *Grahame to summarise responses to EBNF housing needs survey*
- *Executive to research other areas that may be commissioned with Aecom and to bring these to a future meeting*

Planning for next consultation event:

The last consultation event was successful with 123 attendees and 113 responses to the questionnaire, which covered half of the forum policy areas. Concise questions and boxes for comments were successful. The next event, which will be planned for June 22nd will address the built environment, local economy, flooding and drainage. Howard's extensive work on the Community Character Statement will be displayed. Wellbeing groups could be invited to display. Friends of the Parks are organising their Party in the Park on the same day. Our consultation event is planned for the morning. This format worked well last year. The last leaflet benefited from Phil Payne's photographs and got a good response. The school was a good venue. It is hoped we can use it again.

Timescale: Leaflet to printer by 24 May, print by 7 June, deliver by 15 June.

Action:

- *Executive to meet on Tuesday 7 May in Grey Horse to plan leaflet*
- *Executive to endeavour to find someone involved with transport e.g. Nexus to attend next consultation*
- *Roy to check on availability of school for event*
- *Roy, Delia, Alan and Sue to meet Heads of Infants School and Nursery so that they have the same information about EBNF as the Junior School*

AOB:

- Grahame reported that the funding from Locality runs out now and that we need to apply for more funding, which cannot be backdated.
- We need to ask Jo-Anne for advice on optimum number of future consultation events.
- Information to add to Wellbeing groups: the Victoria Allotments Association on South Lane has a waiting list of 22. These are the only allotments in the EBNF and indicates that more space is needed for gardens.

Date of next meeting: Monday 20 May 2019 at 7.30 pm in Scout Hut

Meeting closed 9.05 pm