

MINUTES OF
HOE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM MEETING
HELD ON 26 NOVEMBER 2018

- 1 PT opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.
- 2 Apologies were received from Janice Cawthorn, Barry Huxley, Joan Jackson, Graham Lobb, Paul Spackman, Karen Thurston and Martin Worrall.

3 Matters Arising

Plymouth Merchant Navy Association is still appealing for funds for the [memorial](#). Donations are welcome through their [Paypal](#) page.

Funds are also sought for the [Nancy Astor](#) statue.

The planning application has been submitted for the Alfred Street blue plaque.

The minutes were agreed.

4 Planning Matters

4.1 Please see separate sheet for information on Planning Applications.

4.2 From 1 January 2019 all objections to planning applications must be submitted through Plymouth City Council's website, and not by letter or email. Hugh Janes said he would contact PCC to lodge an objection to this policy on the grounds that it disenfranchised elderly people who did not use computers, and that the Portal often had performance problems, making it inaccessible.

Action

HJ to follow this up.

4.3 The Pub on the Hoe will submit a planning application to turn a disused patio area behind the pub into a two tier conservatory, and a further application to rename the pub The Mayflower. He invited comments from Forum members.

4.4 Members were asked if they were aware of any mechanism that could be used to identify unregistered HMOs (Houses in Multiple Occupancy).

4.5 Jess Vaughan told the meeting that the JLP was out for consultation and comments following the Examination Modifications being added, due to the reduced protections for green spaces.

In particular, re. the policy for PLY27, the Registry Office, HNF has submitted feedback that it should be amended to support either a hotel or housing, not mixed use and not to go to 11 stories, but to a maximum of six stories. It was further suggested that the planning policy statement was unsound, in that the site's development cannot 'preserve or enhance a conservation area' as stated in the JLP. Graham Lobb's work has identified the likely outcome of a maximum of 45 units, and not the 52 originally

envisaged, and parking will be double-decked. Jessica Vaughan told the meeting that the parking ratio is likely to be 1:1, and this was the last opportunity to submit comment; following this, extra information will probably not be sought.

Members were told that Penny's statement to the Examiner is likely to have influenced the reappraisal of the site policy.

Action Hilary Kolinsky to write a two page summary of the sustainable provisions regarding the site.

Action: Jacky Clift to reword the Main Modifications, copying PT and CP the final document.

5 Green Spaces

"Local Green Spaces" have green belt protection status; the Plymouth Plan cannot provide this protection and none of the Plymouth Plan suggestions about this have been accepted and included by the Inspector, who asked for them to be removed from the Plan. Under the Supplementary Planning Document the City Green Space areas have medium protection, and Neighbourhood Spaces the lowest protection. We will seek to challenge this. The city was consulted and wants this high level of protection for its green spaces.

6 Neighbourhood Plan Progress

Plympton St Mary's Plan has been submitted. If the HNF would find it useful, Jessica Vaughan outlined where they were at this stage of the process. Plympton went back to its Constitution and identified the themes, its vision and objectives. Subgroups were then formed, and an analysis of the JLP was also included in their strategy for developing the plan, such as areas like Transport. The Plan should not repeat what is already known, but that information should be both area specific and evidence-based using Council data. JV can help Forum members identify where this information can be sourced. (Aecom has also done this at the back of their report.)

The task can be broken down into stages, firstly obtaining the evidence on each theme, and should include the responses from consultation and engagement. Plympton took two years to compile its report; Penny is hoping ours will take one year from now with much of the evidence gathering having already been done in the Aecom report and community engagement exercise. Following this, there would be a six week consultation period being submitted to the Examiner. It would then be subject to a formal referendum.

The order for creating the report will be:

First Draft / Pre-submission

Changes

Response to comments

Submission to Council

Plymouth Waterfront Partnership hasn't raised any concerns to date; it is expected Crown Estates, the MOD and the Duchy of Cornwall will all try to protect their rights.

The Working Groups will need to report back to the HNF Committee in March 2019, which will be used as a Workshop Event.

7 Destination Plymouth

Erica attended a Visitor plan workshop on behalf of the forum. CP advised he would invite Amanda Lumley to the next meeting on 27 January to talk about the proposals for the Visitor Plan.

8 Flooding

The City Council has a Flood Risk Assessment that can be used, which could be an issue for West Hoe.

9 Neighbourhood plan Working Groups

The group discussed how best to divide topics and set up working groups. The Constitution was used as a model and was refined into 6 subject areas. See appendix.

- Fleur agreed to help with the Gap Analysis.
- Hannah Sloggett has complete set of documentation from community engagement exercise, including St Andrew's School pupils' individual plans.
- Pam and Dave Ward hold a lot of information on the parks.
- Chris P to look at what useful documentation we've already got.
- Heritage group to use Conservation Area Management Plan as source document.
- David Stewart, Historic England, has indicated his willingness to support our efforts.
- Penny T to chase up funding pots because we're a Super-complex Neighbourhood Forum
- Possible leaflet drop at West Hoe to draw people in to the forum.
- Another Project Plan is needed to update timelines (CP/PT).
- PCC Officers' comments on Aecom Report It must support objectives of JLP. Design codes – policy must be deliverable, ie new development will improve the public realm.
- Jess will help us with technical wording of policies.

10 Pop+ 2 new networks:

- 1 Heritage Consortium and History: Built heritage, The Box etc.
- 2 Mayflower, Genealogy Conference. HK involved.

10 Plymouth Waterfront Partnership

Board meeting this week, Polar Bear Trail / Climate change / environmental concerns. Interreg Bid – Improvements to Hoe Foreshore – more info January. The bridge between business and community.

11 Any Other Business

Frank Kelly suggested that there should be an event to mark the turn of the year on New Year's Eve each year on the Hoe, and pointed out that many other cities hold such event; Plymouth is missing a trick and should have one for 2020 at the very least.

Action: To be discussed at a subsequent meeting.

Mayflower 400 Sparks Project. Community Groups - projects to pull community together, entertainment, legacy. Debbie and Penny submitted a bid for a competition for a new town crier – won bid! CP suggested engaging with Maker's HQ; part of former Jaeger factory. Sophie manager, college of art involvement. Schools, design competition. CP to send stuff to Penny T re this project.

PT: More money available for community events if anyone wanted to come up with an idea for a forum event on the Hoe for Mayflower.

PT Environment Plymouth Plastic Campaign

Environment Plymouth won National Award for its campaign to secure SAS plastic free Plymouth Waterfront status – thanks for everyone involved who contributed; MBA, UoP. Please join!! Environment Plymouth is supported by POP and Esme Fairburn. The international expert micro-plastics, Prof. Richard Thompson to speak at next meeting.

Jacky attended Plymouth Open Spaces Network Meeting. Sue Dann spoke. Poole Farm, Green Infrastructure – work to be done, training and advice. (Offer of help for parks across city.) Gemma Sharman is the contact.

CP / PT have discussed with Events Team how the Hoe is left after events and that more needs to be done to reinstate the park after major events.

12 Next Meeting

27 January 2019 at 7.00pm at the Bowling Club. (Working Groups in the meantime.)