**Sandy Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

**Thursday 27th October 2022 at 7.30pm**

**Sandy Town Council Chamber, 10 Cambridge Road, Sandy**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Nigel Aldis, Rob Baker, Sally Chapman, Anne Elliott-Flockhart, Arnie Gilpin, Joanna Hewitt (Chair), Jennifer Ivanciu-Wilkinson, Anthony Lock, Ruth Lock and Anne Ramsay (remote attendance).

**Apologies:** Richard Barlow, Lorraine Ivanciu-Wilkinson and Chris Patterson.

1. **Approval of minutes from 15th September 2022**

The minutes were approved.

The Chair noted that the action regarding non-designated heritage assets had not been actioned yet. **Ruth** will talk to Richard about getting SHRG to help with this.

The group still needs to address issues facing rural businesses.

It was clarified that the group had decided not to designate housing sites as this would add a year to the NP process. In the plan we can give vague designations such as if industrial sites become vacant these could be used for housing.

1. **Sally Chapman**

The **Chair** will circulate the document that Sally created after the last meeting and will ask Chris to put it on Drop box.

The Vision could do with at least another sentence.

We need to action the points within the document such as the non-designated heritage sites.

1. **G I P**

The list of Green Spaces had been circulated before the last meeting. Seventeen green spaces had been identified by the residents during the consultations this year. Ideally BRCC would like us to reduce this to about ten or we will need to get a new quote for the extra work involved with processing seventeen.

After discussion and consideration of the Local Green Space Designation criteria it was decided to remove the following:

* All the Recreation Grounds as these are Town Council assets, which offer them a level of protection
* Sandy Secondary School Grounds as this is owned by Central Bedfordshire Council
* Zwetsloot’s as it is too far from the community served
* The Lodge is too big and too far from the community served
* Sandy Cemetery already has a level of protection
* Sandy Heath Quarry is too far from the community served.

**Anne R** will take the amended list back to BRCC for the next stage of work.

BRCC would like a context paragraph for the G I P. They have provided an example from Sutton and Biggleswade. We can use documents already created such as the Town Council website and the CBC document for Sandy and Blunham to create something. **Anne EF and Jennifer** to work on this.

1. **Town Centre – Traffic Management Proposal**

The proposals from TTC had been circulated prior to the meeting. Some comments had been received. It was decided to set up a subgroup when Chris returned to go through the comments. The **Chair** will go back to the consultants to let them know.

Sally noted that we would have to incorporate this in the NP as an aspiration rather than a policy.

Ultimately it was noted that if the group did not agree with the proposals, then we do not need to proceed with them.

1. **Engagement**
* Skatepark – there was a big attendance at the event, but not necessarily of local people. The **Chair** will let Rob have the sheets from the event to collate. We might not have had much feedback but we can evidence that we have tried.
* Christmas Lights – will take place on Sunday 27th December. The **Chair** will talk to the FOSCL group to see if they have space for us to attend, preferably where we were last year. Council members of the group will be helping elsewhere, of the other members **Anne R, Anne EF, Arnie, Rob, Jennifer and Lorraine** said they would be able to help. The display will show what we have done so far, what we are currently working on and what we still need to do. **Rob** will create something along these lines.
1. **AOB**

Arnie asked about commissioning a design code and a masterplan for Sandye Place. We need to get a grant for these first.

1. **Date and time of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 17 November at 7.30pm at Sandy Town Council.