**Sandy Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

**Thursday 27 April 2023 at 7.30pm**

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

**Minutes**

**Present:** NigelAldis**,** Rob Baker, Richard Barlow, Anne Elliott-Flockhart, Arnie Gilpin, Joanna Hewitt (Chair), Jennifer Ivanciu-Wilkinson, Anthony Lock, Ruth Lock and Chris Patterson.

**Apologies:** Sally Chapman, Lorraine Ivanciu-Wilkinson and Anne Ramsay.

1. **Approval of minutes from 30th March 2023**

The minutes were approved.

Anthony reported that he had undertaken some research into the icehouse at Sandye Place. Historic records show that the dove cote was mistakenly called an icehouse at some point and that the building near to Swansholme Garden is actually a summer house.

# 2. Sandy Town Centre Improvement Study (TTC update)

Chris reported that the group had undertaken consultation

regarding this at last week’s spring market, results discussed at item seven.

It was noted that we should consult with shop owners. It was decided to hand deliver invitations to a meeting/workshop, so that if they were unable to attend then someone could have a chat at the time the invitations were delivered. **Arnie** volunteered to do this.

There was some discussion about what the point of aspirations were as anything put into the plan should be deliverable, such as re-routing HGV’s away from the town centre. It was decided that whilst not all the aspirations would be deliverable straight away, time, funds and/or technology may mean that it can be delivered in the future.

# 3. AECOM update

**a) SP Masterplan**

Everyone has had the opportunity to look at and comment on AECOM’s masterplan for Sandye Place.

There was some discussion about the plan for all vehicles to access the site via Swansholme Garden. It was felt that this would discourage people from using the facilities at the town centre when what we want to do is encourage people to visit the shops there. Someone suggested that vehicles could enter the site via Park Road and exit via Swansholme Gardens which might be a good compromise.

It was decided to put the current plans to the public for their comments at the coronation big lunch. We will have one big poster with the plan in the middle. To one side we will have the results from last years consultation. Then on the other we will ask people to prioritise what they would like to see on the site from the suggestions in the AECOM plan. We will ask them to prioritise their top three choices and note the three things they would not wish to see using stickers as this is an easy way to analyse the results. It was noted that dots are better than stars for counting results, but they need to be bigger than the ones used at the spring market as they were too small to handle.

**b) Design Guide**

Chris has chased AECOM for the design guide. They have drafted the baseline and are working on the parish design codes. They have indicated that the guide will be ready by June at the latest. Chris has asked if we could have it any earlier.

# 4. Green Infrastructure Plan

Joanna reported that Anne R has been in contact with BRCC and has sent the historical information requested. **Joanna** will chase this week.

# 5. Sally Chapman

In Sally’s absence it was noted that we still have some outstanding documents she needs to be able to put the plan together.

# 6. Engagement

**a) Spring Market Feedback**

More events - 106 agree (99%), 1 disagree (1%). Total 107.

Buses turn at Tesco - 63 agree (63%), 37 disagree (37%). Total 100.

Add electric charging bays - 96 agree (85%), 17 disagree (15%). Total 113.

Divert HGV’s - 98 agree (95%), 5 disagree (5%). Total 103.

Improved cycling provision - 81 agree (85%), 14 disagree (15%). Total 95.

Wider footpaths - 86 agree (83%), 17 disagree (17%). Total 103.

Pedestrianise and reduce parking - 43 agree (45%), 53 disagree (55%). Total 96.

Pedestrianise and remove - 24 agree (27%), 64 disagree (73%). Total 88.

Ages:

Under 18 - 18 (15%)

18-24 - 0

25-44 - 25 (21%)

45-59 - 26 (22%)

60-74 - 30 (25%)

75 and over - 21. (18%)

Total 120.

How did you get here:

Car - 35 (29%)

Walked - 82 (69%)

Cycled - 1 (<1%)

Train - 1 (<1%)

Bus - 0

Other - 0

Total: 119

Other comments

More facilities for kids and teens

Enhance and improve what there is in the market Square

It was noted that the event didn’t seem to be well publicised. The Town Council have noted that and are working on improving publicising future events. Despite the low turnout our stall was well attended with people queuing up at some points.

**b) Coronation Big Lunch – 7th May**

This event is taking place from 12-5pm at Sandye Place.

Anne EF and Arnie are unable to attend.

Richard and Rob can attend, but Rob is on call so needs to be with someone else in case he must leave. Chris can help with the first hour. Councillors may need to help on the council stall but can work round this.

**Joanna** will ask Anne R if she can attend.

# 7. Timeline

Chris has made a start on the consultation document, but this is a working document and won’t be completed until all the consultation is done.

It is hoped that Sally will start drafting the plan as soon as she has the outstanding documents. It was noted that Richard had sent the non-designated heritage assets prior to the meeting.

It is hoped that after all the steps for the plan have been completed that the plan will go to public referendum by the end of next year.

Someone asked if there can be a postal vote for the public referendum, this is something Sally might know.

# 8. Any other business

Chris asked if anyone had seen the results of the consultation that CBC did last year on SP or the ones from their High Street consultation in November 2021. **Joanna** said she will try and get hold of these.

It was noted that we are still struggling to engage with 18–25-year-olds. This age group no longer go to school in Sandy but travel elsewhere for further education. It might be worth targeting the bus stop where they catch the bus for college as an opportunity to engage with them.

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

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 7 June 2023 at 7.30pm at Sandy Town Council.