

Brighton Marina Neighbourhood Forum

Minutes of a meeting held on 8 May 2019

Present:

Andrew Knight - Chair
Keith Malcolm
Mary Pett
Kirsty Pollard
Ken Sainty

Apologies:

Mike Hatch

1) Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes, as amended, were approved.

2) Appointment of planning consultant.

It was noted that the application round for grant-funding for Neighbourhood Forums had still not opened. Some funds were available to the Steering Group from the marina estates budget, to a total of £4,500 a year. It was agreed that it was important to maintain the momentum of the Forum and to progress our work on developing policy proposals to go into the Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed, therefore, to commission Andrew Ashcroft to do a piece of work on developing our Vision Statement and schedule of policy issues into a set of draft policies for consultation with the community. It was agreed that this commission should be limited at this stage to within the available budget, until grant-funding becomes available.

Andrew stated that he is continuing to monitor the grant-funding website. He also undertook to check that all the necessary paperwork to account for the previous tranche of grant-funding has been completed and submitted to the funding body.

Action: AK

3) Policy topics

Andrew had drafted a suggested schedule of policy topics and possible contents, linked to the agreed Forum vision statement. This was discussed and amended to include policies on:

- Links between the Marina and the City, to address the perception that the marina is disjointed from Brighton;
- Carbon Neutrality;
- The Harbour: future development, wildlife and biodiversity, water quality.

- Air Quality
- Sustainability: drawing policies from the Sustainability report from 2017.
- Signage.

Andrew agreed to send the revised schedule to Andrew Ashcroft, so that he could turn these ideas into draft policies for discussion at the Forum AGM on 16 June.

Action: AK

4) Preparation for the AGM

It was agreed that the AGM agenda should consist of two main elements:

- Discussion about the draft forum policy topics
- Presentation from the Outer Harbour development.

It was noted with disappointment that Liz Hobden, the Council's Head of Planning, had not responded to Andrew's request for an extension to the consultation deadline. Andrew agreed to chase her up. It was suggested that he should copy Cllr Mary Mears into future correspondence, as this usually ensures a response.

Action: AK

5) Outer Harbour Planning Application

It was agreed that the Steering Group should submit a formal response to the Council about the planning application, building on the feedback that had been previously given to the developer, and which had been drawn up on the basis of consultation with the Forum membership.

It was agreed to meet on Wednesday 22 May at 13.30 to discuss the response.