

Brighton Marina Neighbourhood Forum

Minutes of a meeting held on 16 May 2019

Present:

Andrew Knight - Chair
Mike Hatch
Mary Pett
Kirsty Pollard
Ken Sainty
Andrew Ashcroft – planning consultant

Apologies:

Keith Malcolm

1) Minutes of the previous meeting.

Mary apologised that the minutes of the previous meeting, held on had not yet been finalised. They would be circulated soon.

2) Forum Annual General Meeting.

The main business of this meeting was to agree an agenda and format for the AGM to be held that evening.

Andrew K had drafted a proposed agenda:

- Report-back from the steering group – Andrew K. to summarise the actions taken since the previous meeting, including responding to the Outer Harbour pre-planning exhibition and meeting with the developer, and giving evidence at the Council's examination in public on their proposed Community Infrastructure Levy policy.
- Discussion on policy topics - Andrew A has drafted a short paper setting out potential policy topic headings to fit within the Forum's agreed vision statement. It was agreed that he would introduce this paper at the meeting, and then break the participants into small groups to discuss their reactions. Comments and policy suggestions would be collected from participants on post-it notes.
- Presentation from the Outer Harbour developer. It was agreed that the developer's presentation should be kept brief, to give maximum opportunity for questions and comments from Forum members.

- Next steps. The next stage would be to put out the Forum's draft policy topics to community-wide consultation, aiming for a three-week period before the summer holidays in July.
- Date of next meeting. It was agreed the next Forum meeting should be held on Thursday 7 November at 6pm.

3) Outer Harbour Planning Application

Concern was expressed that it had recently come to light that the public feedback from the developer's pre-planning exhibitions had not been submitted to the Council. Many members of the community had filled in consultation forms, believing that they had thereby commented on the planning application, but these views would not be considered by the planning committee unless they were submitted again direct to the Council.

It was agreed that Andrew K would write to all Forum members, firstly to reassure them that the 3-week deadline for public comments could be ignored, as the Council had stated that comments would be considered right up until the day of the planning committee, and secondly to urge them to submit their comments to the Council.

4) Date of next meeting.

The next Steering Group meeting will be held on Wednesday 22 May to discuss the Forum's formal response to the Council on the Outer Harbour planning application.