

Hove Station Neighbourhood Forum Committee Meeting 26th October 2021

Attendees Cllr Marianna Ebel (ME), Mike Gibson (MG), Sue Gibson (SG), Robert Glick (RG), Liz

Hobden (LH) visiting, Helmut Lusser (HL), Lessia Mulka (LM), Cllr Jackie O'Brien

(JO'B), Neil Stevenson (NS)

Apologies David Kemp (DK)

Agenda Item

ACTION POINTS

1,2 Minutes of last meeting

- Minutes of meeting 23rd September 2021 were agreed as accurate. There were no matters arising

3 Management of S106 funds

- LH presented a brief overview of the history of Community Improvement Levy (CIL) and Section 106 (S106) funds, governing regulations and the Council's plans for management and disbursement. S106 charges are levied to mitigate the direct impact of developments. They must be spent on items directly related to the development, essential to the scheme and be proportionate. It is Council policy to apportion funds 70-80% to city-wide projects included in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) and the remainder to neighbourhood projects. Such projects must have local councillor support, a minimum value of £10k and may be capital or revenue. Up to 15% of funds may be spent on implementation and project management. Current S106 funds total £21.4m and are allocated, in diminishing order, to parks and recreation, affordable housing, transport, and education.
- HL demanded that S106 allocations should accord with HSNP policies. A high proportion of S106 funds generated within the HSNP area are allocated elsewhere. LH replied that the IDP will be reviewed bi-annually providing opportunity for inclusion of HSNP priorities.
- JO'B complained that as a local councillor she is not informed about relevant S106 allocations. LH replied that all relevant information is given to the appropriate committee.
- HL and MG pointed out that the Council's fragmented treatment of S106 allocations worked against development of an integrated development approach for the Hove Station Quarter. LH responded that the 15% of funds available for implementation is being spent on project manager for parks and for London Road. The same would be considered for the Hove Station Quarter.

4 Governance

4.1 Finance

- SG reported bank balance £45.51
- Locality Grant application: AP not executed. MG will prepare application and

MG

4.2 **HSNP**

– Independent Examiner: no news. Examination of Neighbourhood Plan expected January or February.

4.3 Constitution

Non quorate AGM proposal to approve proposed amendments
5.8.4 The quorum for the committee shall be 5 members
6.1.4 The quorum for the AGM shall be 5% of the membership or 10 members, whichever is the greater.

Ratified by unanimous vote.

5 Community Action Agenda

5.1 Planning and Development

- HL reported on MODA meeting. He will share a written update. MODA wish S106 HL funds to be allocated to design planning of proposed second rail crossing footbridge but council officers do not engage. HL suggested the forum should put forward proposals for S106 funding. ME will investigate extent of councillor support for the footbridge proposal.
- MG reported that developers are willing to include space for community use in Hove Gardens Phase Two development.
- KAP: no news. AP not executed.
- Planning application inventory: AP not executed

5.2 NP Policies

– HL will report to next meeting on street tree costs.

HL

5.3 Community Matters

- JO'QW reported that St Agnes church developers have submitted a retrospective planning application for the roof terrace. If planning officer seeks to approve she will demand it go to planning committee and will oppose. MG will submit the forum's opposition.
- It was agreed to submit an objection to TK Maxx Sunday morning deliveries in contravention of planning regulations.

MG

6 Working Groups

6.1 – *Comms* - no report. MG will draft November newsletter.

MG

6.2 - Hub 1

Continued absence of reply from Nick Hibberd's team concerning station footbridge. MG will chase.

MG

NS reported Network Rail plan to manage line-side vegetation between The Drive road bridge and Hove Station footbridge and proposed a recommendation to pollard the trees. NS to write to Network Rail in Forum's name and solicit support of Council Arboriculture Manager.

NS

6.3 - Hub 2

LM reported the Conway Street party was very successful with positive local comment.

6.4 - Hub 3

6.5 - Traffic and Parking

HL will collate suggestions from existing plans and present to the next meeting.

7 AOB

none

8 Date of next meeting

A virtual meeting by Zoom 23rd November 2021 at 7.30pm

Topic: HSNF Management Committee meeting

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