

**TWENTIETH MEETING OF THE MIRFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP AT THE  
MIRFIELD CONSTITUTIONAL CLUB ST PAUL'S ROAD MIRFIELD  
24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019 @ 19:00 HOURS**

**PRESENT**

Martyn Bolt (Facilitator), Ian Catherall, David Gluck (Consultant), John Roberts, Christine Sykes (Note Taker), Philip Tolson, Cheryl Tyler.

**APOLOGIES**

None

**NINETEENTH MEETING NOTES WERE ACCEPTED AS CORRECT**

**ACTION POINTS**

Ian Catherall hasn't had the opportunity to liaise with schools.

David Gluck has liaised with the MTC Administrator regarding the grants as the programme for 2019 doesn't open until May

Action Points

*Both to pursue*

**THE BUSINESS PLAN REVIEW**

We need to contact neighbouring groups.

It was confirmed that we have specified contacts at KMC Planning. They are copied into all correspondence.

Action Points

*Martyn Bolt to contact neighbouring groups after the local elections*

*Martyn Bolt to ask Planners for some convenient meeting dates*

**FLOOD STRATEGY**

Martyn Bolt said that there was no major flood mitigation scheme. The Local Plan cited land to the south of Dewsbury as usage for spillage; so our mitigation is from land outside Mirfield.

**DRAFT PLAN**

David Gluck said that he would bring together some policy intentions which would need to be substantiated by evidence.

The Vision needs to be fleshed out; but must remain short & sharp.

The Vision must be seen to be achieved with the aid of 10-12 Themes. However if an item can't be placed in any of the categories, but is considered to be important enough for inclusion, then a further Theme must be considered.

He suggested Greening the Community, Decarbonising the Community, Housing, Health & Well-being, Traffic & Transport, Environment & Safe Neighbourhoods. Ian Catherall asked about Employment & Economy. It was agreed that we would support any proposals that would regenerate the High Street. John Roberts added that we needed to look at other places covering this Theme. It was agreed it could be called Work & Play.

David Gluck said that we would develop Policies & there could be several policies per Theme; and suggested developing evidence at the next meeting by allocating a theme per person so that we can concentrate on a specific area of work based on five or six outline appendices.

**LOCAL GREEN SPACES**

The Local Plan has numerous designations; but we can give whatever designation we consider appropriate. Cheryl Tyler said that she had already done a considerable amount of work on Balderstone that would be useful. It would be necessary to think about the sites; what & where they are; and what special characteristics they attracted. These could be grass verges, greenways, rights of way, footpaths, parks and land set aside for specific purposes. The list could be built up. Ian Catherill asked if there was scope to

address under-utilised sites not covered by the LP. David Gluck said that there needed to be aspirational policies that don't specify. There could be some co-operation with other areas. It isn't an absolute given that there isn't any building in these areas. Martyn Bolt said that the Rights of Way Network has until 2026 for people to claim it.

Action Points

*All to identify greenspaces as per table in App1*

**CONSERVATION AREAS & LISTINGS**

David Gluck confirmed that Mirfield stood out in Kirklees as having no Conservation Areas; but lots of listed buildings. John Roberts asked if money flowed into such areas & what the implications were for lobbying for a CA. David Gluck confirmed that there could be more than one CA in any district; but the Neighbourhood Plan couldn't allocate one. He said that an interesting area that the NP could have a steer over was Heritage. We could do our own non-designated assets list as many could be lost in the townscape.

Action Points

*David Gluck to distribute the Mirfield Listed Buildings details*

*All to try to identify where they are and what makes them special.*

**AOB**

It was agreed that everyone who was on the mailing list would be contacted to ask if they still wished to be involved.

**NEXT MEETING: TBA**