
Meeting Notes Steering Group No 6

Sixth Steering Group meeting – 11.00 Wednesday 7th September 2011
Creative Media Centre, 45 Robertson Street, Hastings

Present: Peter Canavan (HBC), Keith Gillies (NWA), Fran McKeown (HVA) Frank Rallings (UoB), Nick Wates (NWA).

Apologies: Ceri Davies (UoB), Heather Cooper (UoB), Jane Jackson (HBC).

1. Introductions

Peter Canavan, a new Senior Planner at Hastings Borough Council, stood in for Jane Jackson.

2. Notes of meeting on 7th June 2011

No points of objection were raised to the Note circulated.

3. Revised Business Plan

There was a discussion about the potential to position the project as a nationwide pilot for supporting the introduction of neighbourhood planning and Localism. It was thought that it would be helpful to begin to start building the website using the requirements of a real or potential local neighbourhood plan. Ore Valley / Ore Village were mentioned as possibilities.

Keith suggested it would be possible to make a start on building the website with between £8k and £12k if necessary.

Nick read out comments received by email from Ceri. Other points made:

- Start small and build up.
- Resource could provide a common evidence base for neighbourhood planning
- Importance of transparency of planning information
- Potential to save time

It was agreed that the Business Plan should form the basis of taking the project forward. It was also agreed that its completion represented the conclusion of the Feasibility stage of the project.

Action: Nick and Keith to make final amendments and make the Business Plan available for download from the project webpage.

4. Project website documentation.

The content and style of the webpage at www.communityplanning.net/Hastings/ was agreed.

5. Fundraising strategy

Possible sources (in addition to those mentioned in previous meetings):

- Department of Communities and Local Government (CLG),
- Planning Aid
- Building Community Consortium.
- Foreshore Trust
- Sussex Community Foundation

The following strategy was agreed:

- Finalise Project Website
- Circulate email explaining state of play with link to project website page
- Fran and Peter to discuss with Planning Aid
- Nick to raise with CLG and BCC.
- Ceri to be asked to explore UoB sources.

Action: as above

6. AOB

None

7. Next meeting:

Wednesday 7 December, 11.00 to 13.00, Creative Media Centre, 45 Robertson Street, Hastings TN34 1HL