



## WORKING GROUP MEETING 14 December 2016

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| <b>Member in attendance</b>  |  |                           |
| <b>New Milton Town Council</b><br>Steve Clarke Chair   |  | Yes                       |
| <b>New Milton Town Council</b><br>Valya Schooling  |  | Apologies                 |
| <b>New Milton Town Council</b><br>Alvin Reid   |  | Yes                       |
| <b>New Milton Town Council</b><br>Wyn Davies   |  | Yes                       |
| <b>New Milton Residents Association</b><br>Alan Watson   |  | Yes                       |
| <b>Newbiz</b><br>Gill Hepburn  |  | Apologies                 |
| <b>Faith Representative</b><br>Jon White   |  | Apologies and resignation |
| <b>New Milton Town Partnership</b><br>Julia Stamper (or Rupert Davies)                                       |  | Yes                       |
| <b>Ballard School</b><br>Tim Clark,  |  | Yes                       |
| <b>Guests</b>  |  |                           |
| <b>Resident and advisor on future health care and well-being</b><br>Dr Tim Thurston New Milton Health Centre |  | Apologies                 |
| <b>Resident and advisor on transport issues:</b><br>Peter Finch  |  | yes                       |
| <b>Resident and advisor on housing construction and housing associations</b><br>Andrew Land                  |  | yes                       |
| <b>Resident and advisor on mapping for sustainable communities</b><br>Peter Parslow                          |  | yes                       |
| <b>Resident and advisor on traffic management design</b><br>Steven Eth                                       |  | yes                       |
| <b>NMTC Officers in support</b>  |  |                           |
| <b>Project Officer</b> Claire Lambert  |  | Yes                       |
| <b>Town Development Manager</b> Suna King  |  | Yes                       |

1. Cllr Clarke welcomed all to the meeting including our guests.

- a. Apologies were given by Gill Hepburn, Valya Schooling and Jon White. Jon White also explained that pressures of work meant that unfortunately he would have to resign from the Working Group.

2. Update and Review of progress

- a. Steve Clarke summarised that the Working Group has recently undertaken Community Engagement on the vision and direction of the plan and rCOH-led Working Group Vision Workshop and Strategic Sites Task Group (see below). These work streams are yet to be integrated and completed but an emerging theme is that there is a desire for the future of New Milton to involve altering the predicted demographic of half the population being over 65 by 2036 to one where there is a more balanced age structure. rCOH have advised that to achieve this would mean building more houses than those proposed by NFDC in its Local Plan Review and ensuring that most of these houses are attractive and available for young families on lower incomes.
- b. Town Councillors have been updated on this emerging theme at and have given informal support to the Neighbourhood Plan continuing to explore and test what would be needed to achieve a more balanced future age structure.
- c. The Neighbourhood Plan is now writing to the Strategic Housing site developers inviting them, on a 'without prejudice' basis, to work with us in setting policy for New Milton as described in the Local Plan Review.
- d. Round the table comments were then invited.
  - i. The Working Group welcomed the support of the Town Councillors and the continuing commitment of the Group to exploring a future demographic shift.
  - ii. The Working Group needs to have understanding of, and confidence in, the NFDC predictions of the future demographics and this is still lacking (post meeting Peter Parslow, Wyn Jones and Alan Watson will form a small Task Group to liaise with NFDC)
  - iii. During the 20 year plan the Vision and direction should become established for New Milton.
  - iv. In managing this project we must keep our aims simple and achievable.

3. The Process and Project Plan and

- a. We have moved on in the process and are close to completing the first Community Engagement which, together with the Working Group workshop will form the vision and direction of the Plan

- b. We are now working to the rCOH Project Plan and while the vision work is completed have begun the first policy development Task Groups – work is proceeding rapidly to keep pace and enable collaboration with the NFDC Local Plan Review.
- c. A key milestone will be the second ‘policy development’ Community Engagement that must be undertaken Feb/March 2017.

#### 4. First Community Engagement review of progress

- a. The preparation work that was undertaken in the Statement of Community Engagement and more detailed dedicated project plan was used in implementing the Community Engagement.
- b. The work will be written up as part of the obligatory ‘Consultation Statement’
- c. The methods of engagement – four community open days, presence at the three major supermarkets, key community venues, retailers, social media and the involvement of all local schools varied in their success and this experience will shape the next engagement.
- d. A method of analysis has been agreed by a task group of Claire, Suna, Julia and Alvin and this will form part of the report.
- e. Around 400 survey responses had been received from the community and the clear sign of emerging themes demonstrates that this was a good sample of community views- a bias towards older, home owning residents was expected and occurred and will be taken into account. The views of younger residents will be supplemented through collaboration with the Town Partnership project ‘Our Town Our Future’.
- f. Julia and Suna have already dedicated many hours to the analysis and it is now a priority for Claire to complete this and co-ordinate the results.

#### 5. The Working Group Vision note and First Task Group note

- a. The Neighbourhood Plan process leading to a consultation Plan will be transparent and open to scrutiny so that it is a trusted process.
- b. There will be a differentiation between ‘work in progress’ documents and documents describing ‘completed work’. All completed documents will be publically available on the website. Prior to completion draft documents representing ‘work in progress’ will not be publicised until that stage of work is complete. The status of documents needs to be clear.
- c. The ‘work in progress’ rCOH first draft of the Working Group Vision note and draft First Task Group documents are draft ‘Work in Progress’ .
- d. Claire introduced a revised Working Group Vision Workshop note and asked the Working Group to comment by 23 December if they wanted any final amendments after which it will change its status to ‘completed’. It should be

noted however that this is one of two sources of information that will inform the vision and direction of the Neighbourhood Plan, the other being the Community Engagement.

6. Dates for future Task Groups and Working Group meetings

- a. The next meeting will be mid Jan and Claire will circulate dates.
- b. Claire will also circulate dates for the next Task Groups.