

Minutes of Thorne-Moorends Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

Meeting held 22nd July 2021 , 7pm at The Assembly Rooms, Fieldside, Thorne

Present: Susan Durant, Ron Powell, Shane Sweeting, Janet Phillips, Craig Ellis, Helen Kirk

1. Apologies

Apologies were noted and received from Annie Farrand and Cllr. Gwyn Ap Harri.

2. Minutes of meeting held 7 June 2021.

Minutes of the meeting were approved and accepted as a correct record.

3. Zoom Interviews/Presentations with Planning Consultants

The group received online presentations from 3 planning consultants as follows:

1. Helen Metcalfe (Planning with People)
2. Kathryn Jukes (Directions)
3. Louise Kirkup (Kirkwells)

The consultants had all submitted proposals for assisting the group prior to giving their presentations in response to a written brief provided to them.

Following the presentations the group discussed their thoughts on each consultant and scored them using an agreed scoring matrix.

The areas of scoring included cost, flood zone experience, quality of the presentation, technical experience and local knowledge. Each area was marked out of 10 with each area weighted in terms of its importance to the group.

4. Appointment of Consultant

Kathryn Jukes scored the highest of the 3 consultants and was duly appointed to become the group's consultant to assist them through the remainder of the plan process.

5. Meeting with Environment Agency

Agreed to meet with the EA at a time convenient to them. The Mayor indicated he needed 2 weeks notice in order to get the time off to be able to attend during the day midweek. The group requested that the group, consultant and representatives of DMBC meet prior to meeting the EA and the Clerk was tasked with organising the respective meetings.

6. Funding Update

The Clerk advised that there is a further £13,000 available from Locality that he will arrange to draw down. The Clerk also advised that it would now be a good time to get a written agreement in place with DMBC in respect of the £30,000 funding from them which the group agreed. The Clerk identified that there is technical support available from Locality and that he is speaking directly with the local representative for Locality who knows the area and is very helpful.