

Minutes of 4th meeting of the Aldeburgh Town Plan Steering Committee

Held in the Moot Hall on 8th Nov 2013, 10:00 am – 12.00 am

Committee present, with absent members indicated ():

Lynne Walker - Committee Chair
Gillian Benjamin - Community Action Suffolk
Graeme Bloomfield
(Tony Bone)
Paul Bongers de Rath
Robin Boyd - Committee Secretary
Clive Fox
Inga Grimsey
Ian Henderson - Committee Treasurer
Peter Hill
(Robert Lane)
Richard Marson

Minutes of the 4th Oct 2013 meeting were agreed as correct

2 - Matters arising from meeting 4th Oct 2013

a- ATC and AS Contributions (item 2 prior minutes)

RM said the ATC had put £1000 for the Town Plan in the 2014 budget that was due to be approved shortly. Aldeburgh Society has £300 earmarked. There was also a Council locality grant of £500 available but had to be drawn down against planned invoices.

b- Google Circles

RB had evaluated and would circulate a test site for document sharing.

c- Old Plan documents (last item 2g)

PH had located several documents and requested help in evaluating them. RB and GB agreed and all to report back at the next meeting. RM also mentioned that Aldeburgh Society had some documents in their archive and he would check with TB.

d- Contact with questionnaire experts (last item 3c)

RM had been in contact and would arrange a wider meeting. (NB Now fixed for 24/11/13 with the Chair and RM meeting the Griffins)

e- Topic Workgroups progress (last item 2)

PBdeR had met with his team on local government and circulated feedback. CF had met an expert in local Police work and circulated his suggestions. The Chair thanked both.

f- Insurance Costs (last AOB)

IH and GB would consult on securing a bid for suitable insurance cover.

3. Meetings held on related subjects

The Chair proposed that meetings on related subjects were now occurring and that the Steering committee would normally receive reports for discussion at the monthly meetings rather than email.

a. Suffolk Coastal Meeting October 10th

RM reported on matters discussed.

b. Southwold Town Plan. Chair and RB attended the Southwold town plan presentation meeting on Oct 31st. The Plan was well set out and included their questionnaires which may provide useful reference for Aldeburgh. The Southwold Plan team had been contacted and were very friendly and offered a meeting to discuss their success and failures. It was agreed that our Plan focus on its action steps as well as vision for the future in 3 to 5 years.

c. Work area meetings – CF, RB and Chair met to discuss proposed ways to work and these had been incorporated in the Chair's presentation in the second part of this meeting.

d. Theatre Proposal. RB reported on a lunch on Oct 14th that was part of Aldeburgh's pitch to host an annual Theatre festival from 2015. The feedback from the festival organisers was that Aldeburgh had a range of potentially suitable facilities as well as experience and enthusiasm for such cultural activities. The committee agreed that more such activities in Aldeburgh itself would be helpful.

e. Storm Lessons – RM reported that the recent gale and subsequent extensive electrical outage highlighted some weaknesses in coverage and process. The emergency plan focused on Floods and was clearly insufficient. The Town plan should include a section on this.

4. AOB

PdeR requested that the arrangement of meetings and date requests be speeded up. RB agreed to circulate the dates as voted via Doodle for December and January.

5. Discussion of an Aldeburgh Vision

The committee had a wide discussion led by the Chair on their respective visions for Aldeburgh. LW agreed to collate comments noting a broad measure of ideas in common.