

**MINUTES of the meeting of the Hungerford 2036 Project Team** held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7.00pm in the RBFRS Community Room, Church St, Hungerford

**Present:** Clerk, Geoff Greenland (GG), Tony Drewer-Trump (TDT), John Downe (JD), Chris Scorey (CS), Denise Gaines (DG), James McMahon (JM)

1. **Note apologies (1 min) - RH**
2. **Agree last set of minutes of 28th November 2018 and update on actions from last meeting, not included in the agenda - Clerk (1 min)** – The minutes were agreed by all as true record.
3. **Consider any feedback or correspondence from:**  
**Hungerford Town Council** – No further feedback at present.  
**Members of the public: -**
  - GG has forwarded an email today from the Dementia Friendly Communities Officer of the Alzheimer's Society. He will be in contact by phone with her shortly.
  - It is hoped to meet with an interested member of public in January.
  - DG and TDT are planning a school visit on 11<sup>th</sup> January.
4. **Approve latest Report to Full Council - GG** will be putting a report together early in the New year.  
**Action:** Clerk to forward update on resources tomorrow.  
JM was introduced to everyone present. He has a business degree and is a youth worker at the Y&C Centre. He has time on his hands to help, which was welcomed. A brief explanation of what an NDP can do was given.
5. **Review of: -**
  - **Feedback from Estate Agents** – TDT relayed some of the information obtained. Hungerford is out on a limb, but people want to come here. There is a shortage of small houses. Due to local housing cost people stay and build extensions rather than move to larger properties. The rate of churn is going down. Currently there are 52 houses advertised as available in Hungerford. The secondary school is not a draw. Shops are what you would expect. Transport links are good apart from the buses. It is seen as a safe place to live despite some recent incidences including burglaries. 2% of housing stock is on the market at any one time. There are more than the average number of rental properties and 80% of tenants stay 3/4 years before moving on. It was noted Shalbourne close has good churn as it includes 1-bedroom houses and there are not enough starter homes in Hungerford. There are not enough 4-bedroom houses either. Demographics show Hungerford residents age 20-30 have less children compared to the rest of West Berkshire. Hungerford has 5.5% empty properties which is higher than the average.
6. **Consultation Plan Development – Consider the amended aims and objectives document** – Since last meeting CS has produced an edited version of the document. Suggested tracked changes have been received from GG, TDT and RH. The document was considered line by line by all present to consider these changes and various amendments were agreed.  
**Action:** CS will amend the document accordingly. The aim is to present A&Os to Full Council on 7<sup>th</sup> Jan.  
**Action:** It was agreed the aims and objectives for climate change are not strong enough. The Team is to consider how to improve these ahead of our next meeting.
7. **Confirm response to consultation of WBC Local Plan Review** – HTC's response to the consultation had been made available to all. H2036 agreed with HTC's response and were happy to support it.
8. **Any update from AECOM on Housing Needs Assessment** – Deferred.
9. **Review programme and next steps re information gathering** – The Clerk agreed to be point of contact for engagement with the community/groups and is happy to arrange meetings. It was suggested each topic should have a group of 3 members with a minimum of two attending the meetings.

**Action:** In the new year, look at how we communicate with key groups and what we wish to achieve. Invite councillors to attend meetings relevant to them. Add this and following items to the next agenda.

**Action:** Speak with AECOM about their Masterplan package and what information they require

**Action:** Consider further consultant work required and pursue available grants.

**Action:** Cancel the Smart Survey contract as no longer needed. Try and obtain a refund for the recent payment. Can we resurrect if required?

- 10. DONM – 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 at 7pm, RBFRS Community Room**  
**Next joint meeting with HTC – Monday 21st January at 7pm, Library (TBC)**

Meeting closed 9.30pm