

Agenda/Meeting Minutes

1. Purpose of Meeting

Desborough Town Plan Steering Group

Date of Meeting:	Thursday 11 th December 2014	Location:	Desborough Heritage Centre – 7.30pm
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2. Attendance at Meeting

Name	Name	Name	Name
David Soans	Allan Matthews	Terry James	Belinda Humfrey
Ben King	Paula Holmes	Joanne Watson	Gil Holmes
M e m b e r s o f Public :-			
Carry Murphy KBC	Rod Adams	Graham Bayliss	Ruth Wakelin
Graham Dixon	Garry Wynne	Mary McNealy	

3. Apologies

June Derbyshire			
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4. Meeting Agenda

- 1) Welcome to Carry Murphy KBC Planning Officer
- 2) Apologies for absence
- 3) Minutes of Meeting held Thursday 6th November (already circulated)
- 4) Matters arising from minutes
- 5) Resignation of Hillary Connolly
- 6) Questions from members of public present
- 7) Finance officer's report. Allan Matthews
- 8) Project Managers report – Gil Holmes
- 9) Formulation of LSWG – David Soans
- 10) Hawthorns forum report – Paula Holmes. Response to KBC decision to market site.
- 11) Public consultation events report – Belinda Humfrey, Joanne Watson
- 12) Planning consultant's report
- 13) Any other business
- 14) Date and venue of next meeting

Meeting Notes, Decisions, Issues

1. DS welcomed Carry Murphy KBC Planning officer to the meeting
2. Apologies from Councillor June Derbyshire
3. Last minutes taken as read
4. No matters arising from last minutes
5. DS announced that Hillary Conelly had resigned due to her fathers death. The meeting thanked Hillary for her hard work for the SG up to now. DS asked for more volunteers to fill SG empty places
6. Questions from members of the public present
 - a) Garry Wynne moved from Manchester to the Town, the selling agents promised that investment in the town was going to be done. He felt that the area was now diminished, the Lawrence site disgraceful.
 - b) BH said that plans had been drawn up to improve the site. JW said this is what the Neighbourhood Plan SG is here for, to be consulting with residents. DS said that the site had been empty for around 10 years and had been owned by Tesco, Midlands Co-op and now by KBC. BK thanked Garry Wynne for his comments.
 - c) Rod Adams said the Town had been forgotten. KBC councillors promised to help with the Leisure Centre, but voted against keeping it. Market Harborough centre is heaving and busy. The schools are not good enough. Desborough has loads of houses but no infrastructure.
 - d) JW said that land should be put aside for Montsaye 6th form college in Desborough.
 - e) NP Questionnaires were handed to all members of the public present.
 - f) Mary McNealy said the town has potential and the time is right for improvement. She also said that the Lawrences Site should be retail/commercial and not housing.
 - g) Carry Murphy KBC said that the Assets Department at KBC had no connection with the Planning Department, their duty was to achieve the best value for KBC when disposing of property. She said that the SG was looking at the right things regarding financing improvements to the town.
7. Finance Officers report – AM

A discussion took place at spending the £7k grant from Locality.

 - a) AM mentioned that the spend was £410 more now.
 - b) AmM showed that £5762.80 was current spen with £5400 for consultants leaving £362.80 left.
 - c) An amount of £6300 spent could bring a further £700.
 - d) PH to look into varience.
 - e) DS to write a report to Town Council about money spent so far.
8. Project managers report GH.
 - a) On track with plan, one item outstanding – DS contacting Statuary bodies. DS stated that the consultants were undertaking this action.
 - b) BK report on Health needs. He has contacted NGCG , Kettering Locality Forum, need to speak to Nicola Warren of Desborough & Rothwell Surgeries, Need to contact KGH also, the organising of Health issues very complicated. Thanks to BK for his work.
 - c) AM mentioned Kettring, Corby, Wellingborough and Desborough & Rothwell have plans to merge into a Super Surgery.
 - d) Mary McNealy that Kibworth Council are suing developers for non-payment of S106 payments.
 - e) Next meeting should include an item on communication with residents.
 - f) Project Plan will be available on website when ready.

9. Lawrence Site Working Group Meeting 24th November 2014.
 - a) In order to go forward we need to await the conclusion of KBC marketing exercise.
 - b) Have asked for permission to have a suitability and cost survey of buildings on the site.
 - c) Additional members of this group, Ruth Wakelin and Graham Bayliss.
 - d) Next meeting in January.

10. Hawthorns Site.
 - a) A Community Land Trust possible, PH to investigate.

11. Consultation Event.
 - a) JW and BH carried out these events, lots of interest but only 1% of leaflets returned.
 - b) Some apathy to the subject, people think they are not listened to.
 - c) 9 emails and 26 leaflets returned so far.
 - d) Must try to speak to more of the residents.
 - e) Would be wrong to have leaflets sponsored.

12. Planning Consultants.
 - a) They are reviewing sites around the town.
 - b) KBC are reducing the numbers of houses needed for Desborough from 2011 to 2013 from 1590 to 1360. As over 1000 houses are either built or planning approved only 300 more will be needed to achieve the minimum for the period.
 - c) It was agreed to authorise funding for an Envirocheck of the Ise Valley.

13. Other Business.
 - a) Distribute leaflets to businesses, Doctors Surgery, Churches etc.
 - b) Two members required to fill Steering Group numbers, Rod Adams and Ruth Wakelin applied.
 - c) Next Meeting – January 22nd 2015, 7.30pm at the Heritage Centre.
 - d) TJ – To send Carry Murphy at KBC a copy of the minutes, when approved.