

Unconfirmed minutes

BBEST Development meeting and AGM, 1st December 2018

Minutes of meetings

BBEST Development Meeting - Minutes

Attendance

17 BBEST Supporters attended the meeting and there were 7 apologies.

Introduction from the Chair - Pete Marsh (PM)

PM introduced two MA students of journalism from the University of Sheffield who are working on a project relating to community developments.

BBEST has just completed the first major consultation on the draft Neighbourhood Plan. Responses from residents had been overwhelmingly positive. Other responses came from 'statutory consultees', who receive notice of all consultations by SCC Planning Department. In addition, BBEST sent consultation information to local schools and other potentially interested parties. BBEST is in regular contact with major institutions such as the University of Sheffield and the Hospitals, and they were aware of the consultation.

SCC in particular were very supportive in their responses, and have offered meetings with BBEST to discuss areas where their expertise could be useful. Clearly it is crucial to take up these offers, as support from SCC is vital to the success of the project. Note that SCC are currently in the process of producing their own Plan.

It has been noted, however that highways issues, such as parking, do not fall within the remit of the Neighbourhood Plan. Such issues will therefore move to the 'Community Actions' section of the Plan document.

The next stage is the production of a final version of the Plan document, with incorporation of comments which are accepted, and annotation of those which are not. The complexity of this process means that it will not be possible to sign off the next version of the Plan document in January 2019, as had been hoped. It is therefore likely that the referendum will be delayed until 2020.

The meeting moved on to discussion of issues arising from the consultation: To Let signs, HMO registrations and Green Spaces.

To Let Signs

PM explained that banning To Let signs is an action that SCC has to carry out. They have scoped the workload involved.

During discussion it was noted that:

- Broomhill Forum tried to tackle this by targeting individual landlords for action but found that their work was confounded by signs being removed and when replaced having to start the process again.
- Residents of streets where there are many to let signs could be invited to send photos to info@bbest.org.uk
- Any resident can report illegal signs by using the form at: <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/content/sheffield/home/planning-development/planning-issues.html>
- A summary of criteria on the BBEST website would be helpful.
- Other areas, such as Headingley in Leeds, have worked with landlords to resolve the issue.
- Could BBEST produce evidence that students do not use them? (it seems that students do not like them as they identify student houses which can lead to theft of property from them.) BBEST to consult Student representative on SG.

HMO registrations

SCC have agreed in principle that no additional HMOs will be created in the BBEST area as the numbers are already above the maximum percentage. Reducing the numbers is tricky, as it is very lucrative for landlords.

It would be useful to identify HMOs which are not on the SCC list. As an example, some have been identified in the Mooroaks Triangle.

The SCC information about HMOs is public and it was suggested that a link should be added to the BBEST web pages.

Green spaces

BBEST wishes to identify St Marks Green and the Hallamshire Hospital Triangle as ?? green spaces. Neither landlord has objected to this, and the meeting was asked to provide supporting information for the proposal, including views into or across from the space, recreational value, what is special.

During discussion the following points were raised:

Hallamshire Hospital Triangle

Offers outstanding views across the city.

The only open area, let alone green space, in the vicinity of the hospital

Used by hospital staff for lunch.

A visual break before the carpark

A link to the wildlife corridor from Lynwood Gardens, behind the Francis Newton pub. (which is not in the BBEST area).

Welcomed by hospital patients as a place to sit.

St Marks Green

Highly valued by the community over many years.

'48 years of football parties'

'40 years of Broomhill Festival'

BBEST Actions noted at the meeting

1 Enable access to the consultation documents on the BBEST website again. It will be noted that these are now superseded, following the receipt of comments. When the document is revised in the light of the comments, the new documents will replace these precurrent versions.

2 invite people to send photos of streets with to let signs to info@bbest.org.uk

3 Information on the BBEST website about list of criteria for to let signs would be helpful

4 Consult student representative on SG about student view of To Let signs.

5 Add link to SCC HMO data to web pages.

6 send mins of 2017 AGM (Note: these are on the website page

BBEST Annual General Meeting 2018 - Minutes

16 BBEST Supporters attended the meeting and there were 7 apologies.

1 Minutes of the previous meeting, 21 October 2017

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting. The minutes are on the BBEST website at <http://bbest.org.uk/meetings-minutes-and-evidence/>

2 Annual Report *

PM noted that the major event of the year had been the consultation on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan from 1 October to 11 November. Responses had in general been very positive, particularly from residents and Sheffield City Council Planning Department. The comments were currently being reviewed and meetings with SCC were planned. This will delay the presentation of the final version of the Plan to SCC, so that it is unlikely that the referendum will take place until 2020.

PM thanked those who had given their time to support the process, particularly Susan Crowley, Planning Consultant, and local councillors.

The consultation was launched at a meeting on 7 July, which took place at the Broomhill Community Library. This meeting was attended by local Councillors, including the Lord Mayor, Cllr Magid Magid, and Cabinet Members.

The meeting also saw the launch of the Broomhill Retailer's website:

https://www.broomhillsheffield.co.uk/shop_broomhill.html

Renewed cooperation between local businesses has been a welcome spinoff of the BBEST process.

*See Annual Report for more details.

3 Finance

PM thanked those members who have donated money to BBEST in the last year and to those who have given their time to the BBEST process.

The current BBEST balance stands at £1296.98, which may be just about enough to take us to the end of the process. BBEST is not eligible for more Locality Grants.

4 Nominations for Steering Group and Officers

Invitations for nominations had been sent out with the call for the meeting and none had been received. The current Officers and Steering Group members are happy to continue for the next year and they were nominated en bloc by Jenny Carpenter:

Officers

Chair: Pete Marsh

Vice-Chair: Ann Daw

Treasurer: Wendy Phillips and Chris Topliss

Secretary: Kath O'Donovan

Steering Group

Cllr Magid Magid

Cllr Kaltum Rivers

Cllr Michelle Cook

Ruth Günay

Rachel Newnes

Anne Kerlake

Emily Pieters

Katharine Swindells, University of Sheffield, Union of Students representative.

5 Any other business

The Chair welcomed the vote of thanks to BBEST volunteers proposed by Vicky Seddon.