Minutes of Neighbourhood Steering Group meeting

Date of meeting: Monday 15th April 2013
Venue: Riverside Business Village at Cowbridge
Duration: 1830 - 2000

In attendance:

Simon Killane  Wiltshire Council
John Gundry  Project Co-ordinator
Roger Budgen  St. Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council
Kim Power  Malmesbury Town Council
Bob Tallon  Brokenborough Parish Council
Bill Sykes  Malmesbury & St Paul Without Residents' Association
Tristan Cork  Malmesbury Primary School
Sheena MacBrayne  Housing Needs Sub-Group
Robin Rogers  M&VCAP
Tim Farnfield  St. Joseph’s Primary School

Also in attendance were a number of members of the public and developer representatives – Daren Larmour – Dyson; Ian George – Simons; Jim Ryan – M J Gleeson; Jamie Lewis – Hunter Page Ass; Jacqui Milward – Minton Group; Philip Cassidy; Jane Cassidy; Jonathan Davies; Clare Davies; Nigel Blake; Iris Thomson

1. Introduction:

Cllr Killane opened the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance, apologies were received as below:

1.1 Apologies
Apologies were received from:

John Thomson  Wiltshire Council
Mike Elam  Burnham House Working Party
Carolyn Gibson  Wiltshire Council
Chris Westgarth  Dyson
John Powell  Retail
Frances Goldstone  Malmesbury River Valleys Trust
Barry Dent  Malmesbury Civic Trust
William Allbrook  Malmesbury School
Charles Vernon  Malmesbury & District Conservation Group

1.2 Key documents
The Agenda was distributed to the Group and members of the public.

1.3 Previous Minutes
The minutes of the last meeting held on 11\textsuperscript{th} March were approved.

2. General Project Update:

2.1 Gleeson Appeal update – the Chairman reported that the Housing Minister had ‘recovered’ the Inspector’s Gleeson Appeal decision because it had been released in error; the Minister would make the final decision on the Appeal.

2.2 Current planning applications update – the Chairman reported the determination of the two extant supermarket applications would not now be heard at the Northern Area Planning Committee scheduled for the 24\textsuperscript{th} April but at a time a little later in the year. It was agreed to contact the Co-op to seek information on the progress of their site expansion plans.

\textbf{Action: Chairman}

2.3 Core Strategy – no further information was available, the document remained in the examination process.

2.4 Media communications – the Chairman reported that to date 180 comments on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan had been posted on the website with scores more waiting to be uplifted, also to date there had been over 7000 visits to the MNSG website.

2.5 Support Organisations – support was still available from the Government sponsored organisations but due to the maturity of the Plan this will now materialise in the form of scrutiny of the updated versions for compliance. It was reported that the Prince’s Foundation was now working with Persimmon on the detail of their proposal for development on the preferred site 3a.

2.6 State of MNSG finances – Cllr Robin Rogers spoke to the summary report he had circulated prior to the meeting; in essence there was about £4K remaining in the budget depending upon the amount of VAT that can be claimed back; printing costs were a little more than budget but this was offset by an underspend on consultancy services.

2.7 Statutory Consultations – nothing reported

3. Feedback from Consultation events:

3.1 Brokenborough PC – this was held on the 10\textsuperscript{th} April and a total of 39 visitors attended, mostly local people. Members of the MNSG were available to answer questions and it was reported that there was generally a positive response to the Plan with some concerns about the visual impact of site 3a upon the present unspoilt valley views. The Parish Council will provide a summary of issues and concerns.

3.2 St Paul Without PC – two locally focused events were staged, one at the Corston Reading Room on the 6\textsuperscript{th} April and the other at the Riverside Business Village on the 13\textsuperscript{th} April; in total over 100 residents attended. There was support from the villages of Corston and Milbourne for the Plan proposals to limit development to single figure infill units, also there was significant support from
Corston residents in particular for the preferred supermarket site at the Silk Mills; many attendees confirmed the linked trip benefit for the High Street. A further consultation exhibition will be held at Townsend Court on the 17th April.

3.3 Malmesbury TC – over 500 people attended the Exhibition in the Town Hall on the 23rd March, subsequently there have been/will be more focused events at Glover's Court, the Youth Centre and C of E Primary School. A second event on the 20th April is being planned for the Town Hall from 1000 to 1500 whereby interested residents can 'drop in' to have any questions answered by the MNSG team.

4. Additional Development Opportunities:

Since the commencement of the Public Consultation two additional development opportunities have come forward.

4.1 Park Road: Hunter Page Associates on behalf of Hannick Homes are preparing an application to Wiltshire Council for a development on the old allotment site in Park Road. A Flood Risk Assessment was supplied to the MNSG for their information.

4.2 Cowbridge: Minton Group have put forward a number of phased development proposals for areas on the old Lucent Technologies site at Cowbridge that come under the original open-ended Outline Planning permission granted for the whole site in 2005. Once the current Redrow scheme is completed there will be a total of 150 units on the site, this number includes three privately built dwellings, and this total should be reflected in the updated 2013 Core Strategy figures for Malmesbury. Presently an application for 13 additional units (additional in the context of uncounted in the current WC running total of units delivered) is with Wiltshire Council at pre-application stage. Further phased opportunities, subject to commercial considerations and the necessary planning permissions, are contained in their outline proposals which could deliver another 50 or so units.

The MNSG will consider both these documents within the post-consultation comments ahead of producing a revised version of the Plan.

5. Supporting Evidence Approvals:

The Business TG paper had been accepted by email confirmation and had been incorporated in the current version of the Plan now out to consultation.

6. Group Organisation Consultation Comments:

The Chairman asked that each of the Organisations represented on the Steering Group should, if possible, obtain a consensus view from their Organisation and submit them into the consultation process. Each representative was asked if this could be achieved and a universally positive response was given except for the MVCAP representative who expressed a preference not to comment because of the structure and constitution of the Partnership.  

Action: All

7. Date of next meeting:
The date of the next meeting will be Monday 20\textsuperscript{th} May in the usual venue and time.

Cllr Killane closed the meeting at 2015