



Community Sub-Group Report

GTDP Board Meeting Friday 21st April 2017

Since the previous Board Meeting on 17th February, the Sub-Group has met once, and is due to meet again on 19th April. As usual the issues discussed at the Sub-Group's meetings have largely been dictated by the concerns raised by the public. Particular items of interest are listed below.

King Street Square

This was raised again as an issue at our March meeting. While it is a significant issue with the public, it appears that remediation work is not on any of the parties' priority lists. The Sub-Group has already raised this with the Board, and it was also one of the key issues raised at the Board's private workshop. We are therefore hopeful that there will be some positive news to be reported by one or more of the partners at the next Board meeting.

Thetford Bus Interchange

A number of public comments have been received detailing various issues with the Bus Interchange. These included the fact that the interactive screen is still not working, the lack of a crossing on Minstergate for pedestrian movement from the BHF Store or the Priory to Wilko or the Town Centre, the lack of "No Entry" traffic signs at the bus exit to the Interchange, the lack of shelter provided by the bus shelters, and the arrangements for tour bus operator use. I wrote to the Public Transport Team at Norfolk County Council on 16th January asking for more information about some of these issues. At the time of writing I have only received a reply on one of the issues. Despite several follow-up emails I have yet to receive a response on the other three.

GTDP Website

Following several delays, Breckland Council is now in a position to be able to make improvements to the GTDP Website at <http://www.gtdp.org.uk/>. A new template design was previewed at our March meeting, and the Sub-Group is currently working on agreeing the basic structure and text so the new site can go live.

Meeting Frequency and Location

It was agreed at our last meeting to reduce to the frequency of our meetings to once every two months, with the meetings taking place roughly mid-way between the Board's meetings. Following an offer from the Town Clerk, we have also agreed to hold future meetings at King's House, which addresses a common suggestion that it would be better for our meetings to be held at a more central location.

Cycling and Walking Routes Project

At the March meeting it was agreed that the Sub-Group would conduct an investigation into current cycling and walking routes within and around the Thetford, with a view to producing a report to take to the Board. This will be discussed further at our April meeting. We are also in discussions about collaborating with Norfolk County Council, whom we believe have some funding for a similar project.

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