

Minutes of The Greater Thetford Development Partnership Community Sub Group

Held at Guildhall Council Chamber, Market Place, Thetford
on Wednesday 21st November 2018, 7pm to 9pm

Chair: Mr Robert Whittaker
Apologies: Brenda Canham.

Minutes: Clare Higson
There were 3 members of the public present.

1. Introductions

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the purpose of the Greater Thetford Development Partnership Board and the sub-groups. The Chairman spoke of the great sadness on hearing of the death of Andy Cruse. Andy had been on the sub group since it was formed in 2016, and had also previously represented us on the Board's Planning and Projects sub group. Andy was a valuable member of the sub group. He took his responsibilities seriously and came well-prepared to the meetings and we all recognised the value of his contributions. He will be sorely missed and our thoughts are with his family and friends at this time.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 19th September 2018 were agreed.

3. Announcements and Matters Arising

The meeting noted that various additional updates on local matters were now available in the papers for the upcoming GTDP Board meeting. These can be viewed online at <https://bit.ly/2BpnDfe> .

4. Sustainable Urban Expansion, Thetford Enterprise Park, Waterspace Updates.

Following public queries, Breckland Council will be asked why they appear to be failing to enforce their own planning policies on **bus provision for Kingsfleet Phase 1**. The meeting also wanted clarification on whether there will be

convenient smooth-surfaced pedestrian routes suitable for those using mobility aids linking Phase 1a to nearby destinations in the town (e.g. the Tesco Superstore, and the Admirals Estate shops).

It was reported that the Environment Agency now have a preferred option for reinstating the flow of the River Thet through the Coffee Mill sluice, and are in discussion with Thetford Town Council the implementation. Details at <https://bit.ly/2MwtJX8> .

As a result of a last-minute request from Norfolk County Council, the meeting considered a tentative proposal for **a new cycle path** along Croxton Road. The current suggestion is to provide 600m of shared-use pedestrian and cycle path by widening the western pavement to 2.7m between the Army Cadet Centre and Thetford Academy. The meeting was broadly supportive of the proposal, but thought it was vital that it formed part of a joined-up plan for cycling provision along the whole length of Croxton Road. There were also some concerns about how cyclists would join and leave the proposed section, and whether a 2.7m width was enough to avoid conflicts between users.

5. Public Questions

The meeting heard how the standard response / lack of status update on reported road repairs with Norfolk County Council meant that members of the public had no way of knowing when action was going to be taken.

6. Any Other Business

Arrangements for future Sub-Group meetings were discussed. The Sub-Group has been meeting on the third Wednesday of odd-numbered months, to fit in with the GTDP Board meetings in even-numbered months. It was agreed to continue with the Sub Group's current schedule, unless there are changes to the Board meetings. It was agreed the next Community Sub-Group Meeting would be on 16th January 2018, 7–9pm, at a venue to be confirmed.

For more information, the agenda and papers for the meeting can be found online at <http://www.gtdp.org.uk/community-subgroup>.