



# PEACEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Steering Group (SG) held in the Anzac Room, Community House, Meridian Centre at 7.00pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

**Present** – Cllr Cathy Gallagher (Chairman), Cllr Isobel Sharkey, Cllr Alan Milliner, Cllr Claude Cheta, Cllr Wendy Veck, Cllr Emilia Simmons, Cllr Dawn Paul.

Peacehaven Town Clerk, Tony Allen, Telscombe Town Clerk, Stella Newman.

Mrs Ann Harrison, Mr Laurence O'Connor, Mr Pat & Mrs Chris Bowman, Mr Neill Watts, Mr Peter Seed.

Guest Speakers; Mr Lloyd Russell-Moyle MP, Mr James Boot & Dr Mark Earthey.

Cllr Gallagher welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a briefing on developments since the last SG meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

Cllr Gallagher reported that she will be arranging site visits for Mr Shane Scollard, AECOM SEA Consultant, on the 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019 and a report will follow. Meetings regarding the A259 are also happening this week between ESCC & Brighton & Hove Officers, Councilor's and campaigners.

Cllr Gallagher introduced a draft update of the SG Terms-of-Reference, which has been circulated for comment to regular SG meeting attendees. Following agreement of the new T-O-R's by the SG, they will have to go to both Council's for ratification.

It was suggested that the next meeting of the SG should be its Annual meeting, where the T-O-R's can be agreed, appointment of the SG Committee members made and volunteers wishing to join the wider SG body agreed. The Chair said that the SG Committee would meet to discuss best way forward as time tight before Full Council Meetings 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Sept. The date of the next SG meeting is to be advised with working groups meeting during the day.

It was resolved that, in the interim, Cllr Gallagher would remain as SG Committee Chairman, Mr O'Connor as Vice-Chairman, Mrs Harrison as Treasurer/Finance Officer, and Mr & Mrs Bowman (post share), Mr Peter Seed and Neil Watts to be Committee members.

Cllr Gallagher introduced Dr Mark Earthey, who had kindly agreed to work with a task group to be formed from the SG, at no cost to the Councils, to develop a Community Energy Scheme (CES) as part of the NDP.

Dr Earthey gave a presentation on how the electricity supply market will develop in the near future and some of the options and advantages that can be incorporated into a CES as part of the NDP.

Chair will write out to potential Energy Working Party members. To be taken to Full Councils for Dr Earthey to gather information and move forward on behalf of both Councils.

Mr Lloyd Russell-Moyle MP spoke about housing requirements/demand over the next 10-15 years, the A259 and Government investment in major road networks and development opportunities in and around the Meridian Centre. Mr Russell-Moyle encouraged close working between the two Town Councils and with the Chamber of Commerce.

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Cllr Gallagher introduced Mr James Boot, who it is hoped can be the new NDP Consultant; a proposal will have to go to both Council's for ratification.

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Mr Boot gave a presentation covering his NDP credentials and current involvement with various organisations and projects.

Mr Boot highlighted some of the main NDP building blocks, stages & outputs and the help that may be available to the project as it develops.

Cllr Gallagher noted that, once Mr Boot's appointment has been confirmed, he will hold workshops/meetings with SG members.

*There being no further notice, the meeting closed at 21:05.*