

“Working Together for a Successful Stapleford”

Attendees

Steve Turner	Broxtowe Borough Council	Steve Vinue	Full Throttle
Elizabeth Campbell	Broxtowe Borough Council	Barbara Brook	Stapleford Core Group
Andrew Cuthbert	A J Retail (Hallmark)	Debbie Blake	Full Throttle
Tom Martin	Age Concern	Kevin Bethell	Bethell's
Brian Wombwell	Stapleford Town Council		
Goff Walt	Resident		

Apologies

1. Welcome, apologies & minutes from the last meeting

ST welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no apologies and no actions from the previous meeting as Action Planning is on this month's agenda.

2. White, Young, Green Feedback

ST circulated hard copies of the White, Young, Green report and highlighted some key points in the document. It was noted that the findings of the study would be used in conjunction with other pieces of research to help inform the action planning process for 2007/8.

3. Retail Survey Feedback

ST circulated copies of the results of a retail study carried out by New Horizons Ltd in the summer/autumn of 2006 on behalf of the Borough Council, which also included mock ups of potential improvements to town centre premises. It was noted that there was a vast amount of information both from businesses and town centre users and this should also be used to inform the 2007/8 Action Plans. It was agreed that all should read and digest this info with a view to action planning in detail at the next meeting in May.

4. Action Planning

ST informed the group that New Horizon is currently in the process of completing further research on behalf of the Borough Council to create baseline indicators to show the health of the town centre, indicators which will be comparable with other towns in Broxtowe and beyond. The importance of this information is that it will enable to group to more accurately assess the impact its actions are having on issues such as footfall, vacancy rates, rental values etc within the towns. Successful initiatives can then be built upon for the benefit of the town. It is envisaged that this research may be completed and available for the May meeting.

5. Any Other Business

The following issues were noted:

- The pavement in front of the health centre needs attention
- The second hand shop opposite Shakespeares continues to display goods outside, can this be enforced as the pavement is being blocked.
- The group are keen to see Stapleford by the Sea go ahead again and requested support from the Council to help co-ordinate this
- It was noted that further funding to repave those areas of the town centre not included in the recent works should be sought.

Actions

- 1. ALL to consider proposals for 2007/8 action plan based upon research findings.**
- 2. ST to raise paving/enforcement issues with relevant contacts at Broxtowe.**
- 3. ST to explore Council support for Stapleford by the Sea event.**

Date of Next Meeting Thursday 10th May 2007