



Beeston West Community Action Team Minutes Tuesday, 20th March 2018 Old Council Chamber, Town Hall, Foster Avenue, Beeston

1. Welcome and introductions

Councillor Greg Marshall (in the chair) welcomed everyone. Councillor Janet Patrick and County Councillors Eric Kerry and Kate Foale were in attendance. Mr John Delaney, Head of Broxtowe Property Services, was the invited speaker and 14 members of the public were present.

There were 2 apologies.

2. Beeston Square

John Delaney had been invited to update residents on developments:

- He pointed out that some names and details were subject to commercial confidentiality while negotiations were taking place. He was also careful to distinguish between the role of the elected members of Broxtowe Council and that of the council officers who were acting within agreed policies and the formal constraints of local government procedures.
- **Square Phase 1:** Two units were vacant and one was close to being let to an educational establishment. Rents received more than covered the costs of servicing the loan taken to re-acquire the lease.
- **Square Phase 2:** A hybrid application is to be taken to the Planning Department in April, comprising a detailed **plan for a cinema, bars and restaurant** next to B&M Stores and an outline plan for **residential development** further south. It is hoped that permission might be granted by the autumn and work completed ready for opening in 2020.
- There remains some commercial risk to the Council conducting these negotiations in a difficult financial climate.

In response to questions, JD explained that:

- No additional **car parking** was included in the Phase 2 plan as visitors would walk, use the bus/tram interchange, or park in local car parks including Devonshire Avenue.
- No **public toilets** were planned there primarily because of the cost of building, maintaining and cleaning them.

Several members expressed concern over the lack of publically-available toilet facilities in central Beeston, including Broadgate Park where the toilets

had been temporarily closed because of drug and alcohol use and dangerous littering.

3. **Town Hall**

JD outlined the present situation concerning the Town Hall which the Council wished to dispose of by sale or lease as a means of saving money.

- The only council department still operating in the Town Hall was the IT department and its computer server. Committees and Council meetings were still held but provision was being made for them in the Council buildings across the road in Foster Avenue.
- A consultation had elicited over 1000 responses with considerable support for retaining the building, particularly its frontage, and making it available for public use. A Civic Society petition had been presented to the Council, also supporting this case.
- The Council had issued an invitation for formulated expressions of interest for the purchase, leasing or renting of the Town Hall building. These are due back by 3 April 2018, and JD expects to receive several different ones.
- Some proposers would then be required to submit business plans for short-listing by a committee in July, before councillors made the final decision, possibly by October.
- It was noted that the Devonshire Avenue car park and Cavendish Lodge were not included in the scheme, and that the Council may still want to arrange use of space for their own meetings.

4. **Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17 October 2017 at 7pm in the Old Council Chamber, Foster Avenue were circulated **and agreed**.

5. **Actions on previous issues**

- Tarmac surface of the **Round Hill twitchell**. JP had visited the twitchell, but felt that the situation did not merit resurfacing and consulted with Derek Musto of Broxtowe Borough Council (BBC), who suggested the Notts County Council (NCC) be asked to examine the twitchell. GM agreed to contact Peter Goold at Notts County Council and ask for an examination.
- **Taxis travelling the wrong way down Foster Avenue**. JP consulted with BBC, who stated that BBC are aware that the County Council are waiting for the outcome of the final agreement with NET over the tram compensation. It was agreed that this issue could not wait. Agreed to contact Peter Goold. (GM)

6. **Residents' new issues**

A question was raised about the ownership of a tree in Imperial Road and it was dealt with by Cllr Kerry.

7. Date of next meeting

Tuesday, 17th July 2018 focussing on **'It's not just a load of old rubbish'** led by members of the Waste and Recycling Department.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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