

Malton Development Strategy Steering Group

held at Ryedale House, Malton
Tuesday 25 March 2008

Present

Councillors Andrews, Mrs Burr, Clark, Hemesley, Keal, Knaggs and Wainwright.

In Attendance

Mrs A Adnitt and Miss C Gaynor.

Minutes

MDSG.1 Election of Chairman of the Steering Group

Resolved

That Councillor Hemesley be elected Chairman of the Steering Group.

MDSG.2 Apology for Absence

There were no apologies received.

MDSG.3 Urgent Business

The Chairman reported that there were no items of urgent business to be considered by virtue of Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

MDSG.4 Declarations of Interest

The following declarations of interest were received:

Councillor Mrs Burr declared a personal interest in matters relating to Malton Town Centre as the owner of businesses and premises in the town.

Councillor Clark declared a personal interest in matters relating to Malton Town Centre as a regular customer of Malton Market.

MDSG.5 Nomination of Consultees from Professional and Commercial Bodies, Malton and Norton Town Councils and Community Groups

The Chairman suggested that Members needed a terms of reference to work successfully therefore put forward a suggestion of the following;
“To examine in detail the recommendations of the WSP Group with those who have a professional, commercial or public interest and to present an opinion to the Policy & Resources Committee.”

This was accepted.

Members agreed that the following be nominated as Consultees from Professional and Commercial Bodies, Malton and Norton Town Councils and Community Groups:

Steering Group:

- Three Malton Ward Members
- Leaders of the Conservative, Liberal Democrat, Independent and Liberal Groups

To be in attendance should they so require:

- The Chairman of the Planning Committee
- Planning Officer

As Consultees WSP:

- Consultancy Representative
- Fitzwilliam Estate Management
- Fitzwilliam Estate Corporation
- County Councillors Lloyd-Williams and Knaggs (if not representing the Town Councils)
- Malton Town Council
- Norton Town Council
- Malton & Norton Partnership
- Business in Action
- Thrive
- Yorkshire Forward
- Cundalls & Stevenson
- Farmers (NFU and Hauliers)
- Residents/tourist representatives/retailers
- Licensed Victuallers' Association
- Architects
- County Highways
- The Police Authority

MDSG.6 Method of Communication

Members were of the opinion that there were five key topic areas to discuss with consultees as follows:

1. Wheelgate improvements
2. Pedestrianisation of the market square
3. How many supermarkets
4. The livestock markets
5. Traffic congestion

In order to communicate successfully with all, it was agreed that there would be two sessions to cover key topics:

- Is Malton a Market Town
 - The livestock markets/Wentworth Street Car Park
 - Pedestrianisation of the market square
- Is Malton a Retail Centre
 - How many supermarkets
 - Wheelgate improvements
 - Traffic congestion

Members were of the opinion that Thursday 3 April 2008 would be an appropriate date to hold the first professional meeting and to invite nominated consultees (see below) to debate the market town concept:

- Malton and Norton Town Council representatives
- Malton Estate Manager
- Cundalls and Stephenson representatives
- Business in Action

Thursday 10 April 2008 would be reserved for a further meeting with a wider range of consultees.

Members agreed that the date for the public meeting would be discussed at the professional meeting of the steering group on 3 April.

MDSG.7 Communications Access

Members noted that a discrete website would be created to inform the public and media of the meetings, gather written views, opinions and evidence prior to the meetings and publish a synopsis of the group as analysis after the meetings. The Chairman reported that as well as using the website for communication, he would also arrange for a press release with the Ryedale District Council Media Officer to keep the local press informed of each step of the steering group's progress and to inspire confidence in the process at each stage.

The Chairman reported that he would compile a letter of invitation to consultees to the next meeting of the steering group.

MDSG.8 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Steering Group be held on Thursday

3 April 2008 at Ryedale House to commence at 6.30pm.