

Committee Meeting – 13th May 2013

Held at 7A Adams Road at 20:00

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Apologies

Present: Roger Crabtree, Jane Singleton, Michael Bond, Clive Brown, Morcom Lunt,

Apologies received from Nicky Morrison, Ron Clifton, Ann Mullinger, Katie Maynard.

2. Meeting of 3rd April 2012

2.1 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 19th November 2012 were accepted nem con.

2.2 Matters arising not covered by the Agenda

See item 10 at the end of these minutes.

3. City Local Plan and FeCRA Meeting

3.1 FeCRA Public Meeting

Roger updated the meeting with the information provided by Patsy Dell. She has agreed to fund the cost of the meeting out of her departmental budget, and specifically, the full costs that would be charged by Newham College since the Guildhall is not available at all during the target window. The charges quoted by Newham are £180 for the room plus ££2.65 per head for coffee and biscuits.

The date has been agreed as Saturday, 13th July which fits with the Consultation period of 16th July to the end of September.

The meeting discussed whether the planned meeting relating to the Consultation on the Local Plan should also include a section on the County Transportation Strategy or not. The meeting mood was that the Transportation Strategy was inextricably connected to the Local Plan development. *(Subsequent to the meeting and quick reviews of the document issued by the County, Committee Members endorsed the proposition that 13 July meeting should include a section on the Transportation Strategy.)*

It was recognised however, that the transportation issues are so significant that a separate FeCRA meeting dedicated to that topic might well be needed.

3.2 FeCRA Annual General Meeting

The meeting agreed that an Annual General Meeting should be held either at the start or the end of the public meeting about the Local Plan.

Ref	Task	Who/when
3.1	Roger and Morcom to liaise with Patsy Dell to set up a meeting to agree an agenda for the 13 th July meeting.	Roger

4. County Transportation Plan

None of those present had been able to go through the draft Transportation Strategy issued by the County in detail. The general feeling however, was that it was far from satisfactory.

Observations made included the following: –

- the document addresses only Internet – urban issues
- It contains no information regarding people and associated service levels
- it is more of a “wish list” than a strategy
- The County really needs a “Passenger Transport Authority” that could force Stagecoach to provide a minimum level of service.

Roger advised that there would be a meeting of the Joint Strategy Transport and Planning Group meeting at the Shire Hall on 22nd May that would be open to the public.

(Subsequent to the meeting, Roger issued an email stating that in his view, following a thorough reading, the draft Transportation Strategy was a reasonable document.)

The meeting agreed that County Councillors should be approached for assistance regarding the progressing of a more detailed strategy as below.

Ref	Task	Who/when
4.1	Morcom, to contact Edward Cearns, John Hipkin, and Lucy Nethsingha	Morcom
4.2	Clive to contact Jocelyn and Iain Manning	Clive
4.3	Following reviews of the document and feedback from County Councillors, Morcom to organise a discussion with Clive, Roger, and if available, Michael.	Morcom

5. Community Infrastructure Levy

The consensus of the meeting was that the Community Infrastructure Levy (C I L) document, together with the multiplicity of papers referenced, had been too complicated for a considered view to be submitted to the consultation.

6. Committee membership and Officers

6.1 Committee Resignation

Roger advised the meeting that after the completion of the planned 13th July meeting, he would be standing down as secretary and withdrawing from the FeCRA Committee.

He would however be continuing with his current role with the Rustat Road RA.

Morcom advised the meeting that he too would be likely to stand down over the next 12 months in view of his commitments in Galashiels and Abu Dhabi, as well as Cambridge.

6.2 Potential new members for the Committee

The following names were identified as potential members for the FeCRA Committee along with the initial contacts to be made as noted.

Michael Bond	Lynette Gilbert
	Lisa Macintyre
Jane Singleton	Chris Wagner - Goff Way
	Donald Hearn - ex Clare Bursar
	Tanya Elliott - Millington Road
	Trumpington contact

7. Feedback from City Council Consultation Workshops

7.1 City Centre

The meeting noted the report on the Cambridge City Centre Issues Workshop circulated by Ron Clifton on the 13th May.

The meeting agreed that the question of Mill Lane proposed developments should be an item to be explored at the 13th July Meeting.

It was also noted that the riverbank “infrastructure” at the Scudamore punt station at the bottom of Mill Lane and being damaged by lorries.

7.2 20 mph Workshop

Morcom and Michael reported briefly on the “20 mph Workshop” that they had attended earlier in the day.

Morcom has issued separate notes on the meeting.

8. Save Our Green Spaces joint working

The meeting agreed that the question of how FeCRA might work with the “Save Our Green Spaces” should be left to the Committee in place after the July Consultation.

9. Council Area Committees' grouping support

Proposal from Ron Clifton and Katie Maynard of the NewTown RA for FeCRA to organise local area groupings of Residents Associations to address local issues was briefly discussed.

Again, the view was that this subject should be passed to the next Committee in view of the very limited resources currently available and the demands that will be made by the organisation of the July Meeting.

10. Matters arising from Meeting of April 2012 not covered by the agenda

There were no significant matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting, briefly reviewed as a final item of the meeting because of the lack of time available.

Ref	Task	Who/when
10.1	Morcom to circulate the link to the Google mapping of the locations of the RAs on the current circulation list.	Morcom
10.2	Joint review of the minutes of 19 th November for any outstanding actions.	Morcom /Roger