

**MILTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING FORUM  
MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017 AT MILTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present	Rod Bailey (RB)	Chair
	Paul Docking (PD)	Secretary
	Peter Higgins (PH)	
	Martin Lock (ML)	Treasurer
	Paddy O’Hara (PO’H)	
	Paul Pritchard (PP)	
	Rajah Ghosh (RG)	
	Cllr Ben Dowling (BD)	
	Cllr Will Purvis	
	Cllr Darren Sanders (DS)	

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Pam Pritchard, Kimberley Barrett, Lindsay Smith, Cllr Steve Hastings, and Cllr Lynne Stagg.

**2. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2017 were approved unanimously.

**3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

There were no matters arising not covered by the Agenda.

**4. Update from the Chair on the PCC Issues and Options Consultation**

RB stated that he thought that the consultation was flawed as it started from the position of “demand” for housing and not ability to supply housing with a suitable infrastructure in place. He stated that he hoped that individuals on the committee and the wider forum would submit comments to PCC. He was working on one for the Planning Forum with Dave Chetwyn of Urban Vision. He said that he thought, as a result of early feedback, PCC’s aspirations may be trimmed a little. He was aware of a lack of joined-up thinking on the part of PCC and hoped that the responses would start a more coherent model.

## **5. Update from the Chair on the Work of the Forum**

At the Milton neighbourhood Open Forum, Bruce Voss confirmed that housing figure for phase 1 was 107, down from 115. It would involve the demolition of 2 villas.

RB reported that, he had hoped to get feedback from the LDA consultation but had not had any to date. He said that he would continue to chase LDA for their feedback. The comments about highway capacity arising from a conversation between Bruce Voss and Martin Silman were interesting. WP said that LDA should have to prove in their planning submission that traffic was not an issue. ML suggested that Traffic were not as forward thinking as they might be. BD said that they spent the majority of their time trying to managing existing traffic flows.

RB is meeting Gavin Parker and some student from the University of Reading next week. He would be exploring whether local councils were inept or hostile to local planning among other issues, such as examiners treatment of local plans. His concern was if they were giving local plans a light touch, would it leave them open to successful challenge by large developers?

**Action: RB to continue to try to obtain feedback from LDA arising from the public consultation**

## **6. To review progress on writing the plan and decide on further progress for any missing work streams.**

A printed copy of the draft plan was distributed for the first time.

Bed blocking is now down to 40 beds, the CCG has stated to LSt. There was supposed to be capacity in social care, although it is acknowledged that supported housing would be a better resource if available. It was noted that our evidence should properly cite anecdotal evidence.

The following areas were noted as still needing content for the plan

<b>Area</b>	<b>Author</b>
Health	LSt, PJP?
Retail	BD
List of Milton's notable buildings	PO'H
Air Pollution	RB
General Plan assembly	PD

**Action:** Nominated members to complete section ASAP or advise PD so that another volunteer can be found

### **7. Financial Update**

PD also undertook to maintain contact with Dave Chetwyn for invoicing. He has requested twice, but still nothing forthcoming.

**Action:** PD to continue to liaise with Dave Chetwyn for invoicing

### **8. Any Other Business not notified before or covered by the Agenda**

**PCC support to MNPF.** Claire Upton Brown has said that she can no longer support the plan from internal resources. This is at variance with national guidelines and seems to ignore that central government funding is available to support local plans. There may be a locum in due course

DS and PH had been to a presentation on Community Land Trusts. Their impression was that it is something that PCC should look at for providing social housing opportunities.

### **9. Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

**Actions arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

<b>Minute Number</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Lead</b>
5	obtain feedback from LDA arising from the public consultation	RB
6	Complete plan narrative, and evidence for Health	LSt, PJP?
	Retail	BD
	List of Milton's notable buildings	PO'H
	Air Pollution	RB
	General Plan assembly	PD
7	liaise with Dave Chetwyn for invoicing	PD