

# Brighton Marina Neighbourhood Forum

## MINUTES OF FORUM STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT THE ESTATE OFFICE

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018 @ 2:00pm

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<b>Attendees:</b>	Andrew Knight	BM Estate Management	AK (Chair)
	Keith Malcolm	Resident	KM (Treasurer)
	Ken Sainty	Resident	KS
	Kirsty Pollard	Savills	KP
	Mary Pett	Resident	MP (Secretary)
	Katie Sullivan (Part)	Administrator	KAS

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### 1. Apologies for Absence

None.

### 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 were agreed. It was noted that the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at which the City Plan Part II Consultation response, was discussed and agreed, has not been formally minuted although the discussions of the meeting are captured in the City Plan Part II Consultation response document.

The Chairman was asked to place a note on the Forum website drawing attention to the meeting and the absence of formal minutes.

### 3. Matters Arising

#### 3.1 Development

Katie Sullivan was welcomed to the meeting and explained recent changes in ownership of the Brighton Marina Group which means that ICG Longbow now own a majority share in the Brighton Marina Group.

ICG Longbow have been reviewing the consented development and Katie has recently been informed that they intend to make a new planning application. Katie explained that she is the 'link' between the Developer and Brighton Marina Management.

She explained that ICG Longbow have said that their aspiration is to build homes for local people to buy and that they feel that the original planning from 2004/5 does not fulfil this objective within the current environment and that it cannot be varied sufficiently to achieve what they want, hence their intention to make a new application.

The timetable for this new application is expected to involve public consultation in October/November with an application to the Council in the next 4/6 months.

All were generally positive at the prospect of local people being sought as

residents for a new development and look forward to seeing the plans in due course. Katie explained that she was making every effort to ensure that all stakeholders at the Marina are involved in the consultation process and have opportunity to have their say.

#### **4. Steering Committee Vacancy**

Having left Premier Marinas Brighton and moved to another Marina within the Premier group, Andrew Collumbell has tendered his resignation as a member of the Steering Committee. Views differed with regard to whether it would be good to have someone from the Harbour/Premier Marinas side of the Marina operations involved as a worker on the Steering Committee, or in the alternative to seek to co-opt a member more closely connected to potential future development. Initially the group will attempt to find someone connected to the 'harbour' side of the Marina who would contribute to the group and be well engaged in respect of the work of the Neighbourhood Forum. Two possible people were suggested and Andrew Knight and Kirsty Pollard were asked to approach them and see whether this is something that they will be interested in doing.

In addition, it was felt to be helpful to extend an open invite to Katie Sullivan to attend and tell us of any progress with regard to future developments.

#### **5. Vision Statement**

It was agreed to formally adopt the Vision Statement. Andrew Knight undertook to send Mary Pett the written up post-it notes from the Annual General Meeting.

#### **6. Consultant**

Andrew Knight explained that he had been in touch with Andrew Ashcroft, who had previously worked as Consultant for Rottingdean Neighbourhood Forum and has had held an interim role at Brighton & Hove City Council in the Planning Department. He is willing to work for us as a Forum and assist us with working towards our Neighbourhood Plan. Mary drew attention to the Hanover and Elm Grove area and also to the fact that our Forum does not have any sites to allocate and this would be very different from previous Forum areas for which Andrew Ashcroft would have worked, she would like to know how he would approach this.

Questions for Andrew Ashcroft included:

'How long would it take to formulate the Neighbourhood Plan'.

'Is the grant available sufficient for the work'.

'Could he provide a quotation and schedule of work'.

Andrew Knight will approach him and explain what we have achieved so far and ask him to provide a proposal for assisting us.

#### **7. Grants**

A total of £17,000 is available in grants for the Forum We have used approximately £1,000 so far. In addition to grants, there are also technical support packages available through locality. This is a scheme in which they provide specific packages of work through consultants Aecom. In due course it will become apparent whether these are needed for our Forum.

## **8. Future Meeting Dates**

It was agreed that we should aim to hold a full Forum meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 between 6pm - 8pm and that we should aim to have a presentation from the developer at this meeting. It was thought it would be helpful to have a Forum Steering Committee before this meeting and this was agreed to be held at 11.00am on the 15<sup>th</sup> November, we expect it to last an hour.

Other activities for the full forum meeting were discussed and it was felt it would be helpful to include a consultation exercise, possibly a map on which people could pin positive and negative comments regarding specific areas of the Marina. It was also noted that the City Plan Part II Consultation suggested commercial properties on the Marina that would be of benefit to residents but that a consultation exercise to determine what residents wanted, had not been carried out. It may be possible to carry this out at the Forum Meeting. Andrew Knight will try and formulate questions for this.

Future meetings of the Steering Group were scheduled for:

14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 2pm

11<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 2pm.