

Sandy Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
Wednesday 8 June 2022 at 8.30pm via Zoom
Meeting Minutes

Present: Nigel Aldis, Robert Baker, Anne Elliott-Flockhart, Joanna Hewitt, Jennifer Ivanciu-Wilkinson, Chris Patterson and Anne Ramsay.

Apologies: Richard Barlow, Amanda Gibson, Arnie Gilpin and Ruth Lock.

1. To agree a Consultant to work with

Chris noted that all three consultants would be able to help, and all three had pros and cons. Dave Chetwyn seemed process driven.

O'Neill Homer was the most professional and was happy to attend our meeting in person. They were also the most expensive, and although Chris did talk to him about budgets he didn't seem inclined to lower his costs. He did seem like he would be useful if we came across any contentious issues.

Sally is local and has lots of local knowledge, she seemed very flexible and amenable. She doesn't have as much experience as the other two but is more affordable.

Overall, Chris would choose Sally with a caveat that we will need to get references.

Nigel agreed with Chris that Sally is who he would choose. He didn't like one of the consultants and one of them was too expensive.

Rob agreed that Sally would be his choice. One was too expensive and the other one felt like a sales pitch. But he agrees we should get a reference.

Anne R also agreed that Sally would be her choice. Sally came well prepared for our meeting, bringing examples of the process she uses.

Jennifer agreed that Sally felt approachable and would bring her local perspective to the table.

Anne EF had taken a look at examples from all three consultants. Urban Vision's plan was a nice mix of text and photos but the policies didn't really stand out. O'Neill Homer's plan was text heavy with very small text and seemed a bit boring. Sally Chapman's plan perhaps wasn't as professional looking as the others, but it had a nice mix of text and photos. She used boxes for comments and policies, which made the policies stand

out. It seemed more user friendly. Of the three consultants, she would be good with public engagement, which is something we need help with.

Joanna agreed that O'Neill Homer would have professional clout but that Sally would be the one to go with.

With us all in agreement, Chris will check Sally's references with a view to report back at our next meeting.

2. Carnival

Nigel can help on Saturday. Joanna will put a rota together.

3. Any other business

Jennifer asked if we have collated the feedback from the jubilee event yet. Rob will collate the feedback after the carnival.

4. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 16 June at the Council Office at the later time of 7.30pm.