

Campus Operations Board 4 September 2015

Meeting notes

In attendance: Jim Landry (Chair); Cllr Keith Humphries, Cllr Fleur De Rhe-Philipe, Heather Abernethie (Warminster Town Clerk); Sue Fraser (Warminster Town Council); Sarah Jefferies; Chris Bell; Jacqui Abbott (Wiltshire Council); Tony Nicklin

Apologies: Len Turner

1. Jacqui Abbott (Community Engagement Manager) informed the meeting that Wiltshire Council's staff would no longer be supporting Campus Operation Boards or COBs as the Campus programme had undergone significant changes across the county.
2. Warminster's campus project was now part of wider regeneration and any campus provision would be provided via the wider regeneration of the town. This was being led by Tim Martienssen from the Economic Development Team. Jacqui would be responsible for local community engagement relating to this and other projects.
3. Jacqui informed the group that this work would be managed and governed by the Warminster Area Board. A working group could be established by the Area Board if desired, which could draw in expertise depending on the requirements of the regeneration programme.
4. Cllr Keith Humphries and Cllr Fleur De Rhe-Philipe suggested that the Warminster group was working very well with good representation from across the town and villages with much expertise. They suggested that this group could become the working group for the Warminster Area Board for the regeneration and campus project.

Action: Jacqui to ask Area Board to agree that a Warminster Area Board Regeneration working group be established with membership drawn from the former Campus Operations Board group.

5. Tim Martienssen updated the group with the work that he has undertaken as part of the regeneration programme which included:
 - Reviewing the car parking facilities of the town
 - Beginning to assess ownership of buildings and land
 - Circulating brief for consultations (feasibility study)
 - Identifying resources & finances for the programme including for a feasibility study
 - Talking to developers and potential investors

- Liaising with partners

6. The group pointed out that it was important to:

- i. Note & utilise the Town Development Plan and Neighbourhood Plan in any regeneration programme
- ii. Establish ownership of land and buildings around the town centre
- iii. Map Wiltshire Council's assets
- iv. Identify ransom strips and rights of way
- v. Identify £30k for a feasibility study
- vi. Continue to talk to strategic partners such as the police, fire, health & including The Avenue Surgery, Smallbrook Surgery & AWP.

7. The group agreed that the way forward included:

- Warminster to focus on regeneration and any campus activities would be part of this wider programme
- Regeneration priorities were likely to include increasing the retail offer, accessibility and providing a quality town centre environment. Leisure provision would be more difficult to achieve given the lack of funding opportunities and the high cost of such provision. Campus type provision should focus on health and well-being
- Regeneration to help deliver aspects of the Town Plan and Neighbourhood Plan

8. Next Steps:

- i. Group to ask the Warminster Area Board to agree to the setting up of the Regeneration Working Group
- ii. Fleur and Keith to work with Tim in identifying resource for the feasibility study & for identifying ownership of land and buildings
- iii. Jacqui to draft statement for the public
- iv. Tim to bring information from Trowbridge and Chippenham to next meeting