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MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 16th January 2019 at 8.00PM
THE DAY CENTRE, PADDOCK WOOD.

PRESENT:
Meryl Flashman (Chairman of Steering Group, Town Councillor, Heritage Group)
John Flashman (Steering Group member, Heritage Group & Town Councillor)
Jeremy Thompson (Steering Group member & resident)
Mark Noterman (Steering Group and Green Infrastructure group)
Rebecca Roberts (Steering Group and Green Infrastructure group)
Ann Newman (Steering Group Member and Green Infrastructure group)
Sarah Hamilton (Steering Group member, Town/Borough/County Councillor & Lead for Heritage Group)
Andrew Mackie (Steering Group member & Community Centre Working Party rep)
John Hall (Steering Group member and Sports and Recreation Group)
Rodney Atkins (Paddock Wood Town Council)
Will and Hannah Wright (residents)
David Lee (resident)

APOLOGIES:
Carol Williams (Steering Group Secretary, Town Councillor and lead for Sports & Recreation Group)
Richard Barsley (Steering Group member, member of PWBA and lead for Town Centre Group)
David Henshaw (Steering Group Member & Town Councillor)
Mike Ridger (Steering Group member, Chairman of PW Athletic Club, Sports and Recreation Group)

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21st November 2018 were agreed with the addition of Ann Newman's name to the list of attendees

2. Information items arising

None

3. Green Infrastructure policy

The Steering Group discussed the current draft of the document.

The following comments were made:

- There should be an acknowledgement that the photograph in the introduction was taken by Mark Noterman (from an 18th century picture at Sissinghurst Castle)
- The footnotes need to be removed and recorded elsewhere as they are just an aide-memoir for actions needed by PWTC
- Policy G4 – additions to list of open spaces needs to be added to the map

- JT queried whether current residents of Paddock Wood would be able to use the facilities being provided on the new developments if the residents are going to pay for their maintenance to an outside provider.
- It was agreed that the draft policy should be published on PWTC website NP section and promoted on Facebook
- Ann Newman and Rebecca Roberts agreed to continue to develop the Green Infrastructure policy where required.
- An audit of all trees owned by the parish was suggested
- Are there any unrecorded rights of way in Paddock Wood? All unrecorded footpaths and bridleways created before 1949 cannot be recorded after 1 January 2026. This 'cut off' date by which to claim these historical rights of way was set in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. It was felt that PWTC should address this issue.

4. **Town Centre development**

It was agreed by all members present that the Steering Group should submit an objection to the Churchill Homes development in the centre of Paddock Wood. Comments made by Feria and Carol Williams to be combined into one objection which will be submitted by CW on Thursday 17th January.

Both the Business Association and PWTC will also be lodging objections.

Development Partnership has met informally with the Chairman and Sarah Hamilton. They will shortly be submitting a document to TWBC for pre-application discussions. Once they have met with TWBC they will be prepared to present their proposals to the Steering Group.

5. **Any Other Information**
   - Updates from Working Groups - None
   - Community Centre. At the Parish Poll on Tuesday there was a 13.1% turnout with 7% (409 votes) being opposed to the Community Centre being built on the Memorial Field and 6.1% (357 votes) in favour. The result of the Poll is not binding and will be discussed by the Town Council on Monday 21st January.
   - Facebook. Sarah Mewett's report was discussed. Will Wright had unsuccessfully tried to contact the group through the email address. SM to be asked to check that the email address is working.
   - Two recent attempts have been made to contact TWBC Planning Department re site allocations. To date no response has been received.
   - It was agreed that all draft policies should be put on the TC website to ensure no criticism of their availability to the public could be made,

6. **DATE OF NEXT STEERING GROUP MEETING**:
   The next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday 20th February 2019 at the Wesley Centre

7. Dates and times of future Steering Group meetings:20th March 2019, 17th April 2019, 15th May 2019, 19th June 2019, 17th July 2019