

# MINUTES

## Meeting of the Bengeo Neighbourhood Area Plan Community Steering Group Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 at 7:30pm at the Bengeo Club.

### Present :

#### Members

Cllr Andrew Stevenson (Chair)  
Cllr Mari Stevenson  
Aska Pickering  
Stephen Wells (WERA)  
John Cooper (Great Molewood RA)  
John Howson (Natural Env't WG)  
Brenda Henningham (non-voting member of WG)  
Tansey Rothwell (non-voting member of WG)  
Veronica Fraser (Culture & Community WG)

#### HTC Consultant and Officers

- Jacqueline Veater (BNAP consultant)
- Maria Iancu (HTC Projects Officer)

#### Observers

Mr Batchelor, local landowner

#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mark Lynch, Ben Penrose, Paul Keyworth, Steve Cousins

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**None**

#### 3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. It was noted that the CERDA presentation at the previous meeting had raised issues mainly relating to highway access and the need for the primary school to have adequate drop off facilities.

#### 4. FEEDBACK FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL WORKING PARTY

It was noted that the working party requested an update meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> November

#### 5. WORKING GROUP STATUS

Brief updates were given from the other Working Groups with regard to their progress in the last few weeks and their readiness for drafting chapters for the Plan

The culture working group had prepared a lot of useful material and would aim to produce a draft chapter for the next meeting.

The environment working group has developed a lot of material and would aim to produce a draft chapter for the next meeting.

The petition to the County Council regarding the future of the disused railway land was mentioned and the County Council appraisal of this site was noted. The landowner was invited to give a presentation to the steering group at a future meeting on his view on the future of the land.

### **BENGEO FIELD**

The Appeal proceedings for the proposed quarry in Bengo Field resume on October 23rd and the Inspector has asked for updates on the BNAP. The results of an extensive questionnaire distributed throughout Bengo have been analysed. Bengo Field came top of the list of concerns with more than 90% of residents responding expressing concern that the land be preserved as a green space for the community. The following resolution was proposed from the chair and was unanimously adopted:

It is resolved that :

The area known as Bengo Field should be protected for the community in perpetuity as a green space by the most appropriate and effective measures, including but not limited to the following:

- (a) Designating all or part of the area as a Local green Space
- (b) Recognising important views across the field within the Neighbourhood Plan
- (c) Promoting and further developing the rights of way network
- (d) Raising funds to purchase the land and hold it in trust for the community

### **6. NEXT STEPS - PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

It was agreed that the next exhibition should be held at Millmead school on November 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> opening Saturday after lunch and Sunday morning.

### **7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The aim was agreed to have draft chapters of the Plan ready for review at the next meeting.

### **8. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS – all 7.30pm**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Bengo working mens club – to be confirmed

Tuesday 4th December 2018

Wednesday 9th January 2019

Thursday 7th February 2019

Tuesday 5th March 2019

Wednesday 3rd April 2019