

EGVF Committee Meeting No 7 held on 30th June 2020, **at 16.45 pm, by Zoom**

Present: Mike Kelly (Chair), Melanie Frobisher, Rob Buick, Alan Sloan, Erik Juul Mortensen, Fred West, Terry Barnett and invited guest Forum members Barbara Gallagher, Sarah Branquinho, Ken Cole

Apologies for Absence: None

Approval of minutes of meeting No 6 - Approved

Declaration of interests – None Declared

Financial report – Fred West

Paid Public Liability Insurance. £65 on hold with EG Residents Association. Residents Association (EGVRA) has agreed to fund the Forum up to £2,000. This money is held by EGVRA and accessed by arrangement between Fred and the EGVRA Treasurer, Mike Sadler. Mike emphasized that the understanding that this money was to be used only if we cannot access grants from Locality or if we expend all the grants and any other money we get from Locality or others.

Locality Grant – Mike has completed the Locality grant application – applied for £2,500 money to be spent on administration – (hiring halls, leaflets, banners etc) and £6,500 Grant for consultancy to assist in putting together the plan and wording the Policies. The basic total grant has been increased by £1,000 is to help with additional expenses arising through COVID19, so we have applied for a total of £9000 out of £10,000 available.

Meeting on Thursday with ACOM where they will give technical advice on design codes for the Plan. We are proposing to produce design codes and because of that we should eventually be able to apply for an additional grant of up to £8,000. Design codes can be used to ensure that plans should be in keeping with the specific area as identified in our NP. Need to ensure that design codes slot into the National and RBC design codes.

ACTION – Alan, Rob and Fred will join Mike at this meeting

ACTION – Mike will post application on Google Drive.

Actions Completed Since Previous Meeting

- Insurance is placed – covered for 3rd party and employers and public liability.
- Website – Mike has updated – put on the minutes of the committee and added the maps. The history will be added as well as soon as it is in publishable form. Questionnaire has also been added.
- Company – No action
- AGM – Completed
- Consultants – Fred has received rates. Mike and Fred to contact them with more information about what they would be doing in order to provide Locality with a more detailed breakdown as requested..

Actions in progress from previous meeting

- Social Amenities – Barbara has prepared a list.
- **ACTION** – Mike will post on the Google Drive.
- Business Questionnaire – Long list from Eric of businesses in the area. Melanie and Fred have responded with ideas for taking this forward. RHUL needs to be contacted as a single entity as well, as this is the largest employer in the Area.
- Some discussion about best way to contact businesses. Determined that there are multiple approaches, send emails, visiting where possible, phoning for some. It was agreed to send out an e mail with the business questionnaire first and then, if no response, to follow that up with a phone call or visit, depending on the business.
- Business Questionnaire- Discussed the probable questions. What is it you would like to see happen that would improve your business within EG. We want to produce a plan that is business friendly. An agreed list of questions to be devised before the next meeting.

Progress on Research

History

Alan almost completed History Section.

ACTION - Debi to put into standard format – Debi now owns this document, future updates should be emailed to Debi

Alan asked whether Pubs should be included – agreed by group that it should be.

ACTION – Alan to add Pubs to History Research

Ken asked about archaeological sites and whether this is something we need to understand before planning is agreed.

ACTION – Ken to talk to Egham Museum

Demography

Fred doing some final updates then will be ready for Debi to standardise.

House Audit

Melanie has started with Alexander Road – photographs completed and working on notes about the buildings. She has included parking situation. Approximate Road Width measurement is a problem so not included.

ACTION - Melanie will add to first one to google drive in next few weeks. Melanie will provide a template for everyone to use as they do zones. – This will continue July through Sept and everyone will need to be involved.

Business

Need to devise a questionnaire and send an email to businesses.

ACTION - Terry will take list of businesses and social amenities and get email addresses

Social Amenities

Need to devise a questionnaire and send an email to social amenities

Next Areas of Research

- Green and Blue Infrastructure (Open areas of ground or water supporting or acting as corridors for wildlife) RBC is producing regulations around these, and we will need to review our Area in greater detail to identify Green corridors, as these will restrict development that impinge on those areas requiring developers to justify how they will mitigate or compensate for their intrusion.
- Vision Corridors areas where restrictions should be applied to protect particular views.
- Trees hedgerows and footpaths – Important in E.G – identifying areas which need tree and wildlife protection –

ACTION Ken has agreed to take a look at this topic

Open Air Displays

Mike looking for someone to organize, Melanie, Ken, Barbara, Fred and Bob have volunteered to help out.

ACTION In the absence of anyone volunteering to act as co-ordinator Mike has taken on this role

ACTION - Ken will talk to the Beehive to see if we can use the car park. Very mixed group of people.

Next meeting 30th July 4.0pm (Zoom)