

Agenda Item 4

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW WORKING PARTY

Notes of the meeting held on Thursday 28 January 2016 at 6pm in the Penn Chamber,
Three Rivers House.

Present:

Councillors Diana Barber, Rupert Barnes, Sarah Nelmes, Martin Trevett and Alison Wall

Ward Members in attendance: Councillors Angela Killick, Debbie Morris, Ralph Sangster, David Sansom and Ann Shaw OBE.

Officers: Gordon Glenn
 Steven Halls
 Sarah Haythorpe
 Anne Morgan
 Helen Wailing

- 1) **Appointment of the Chairman**
 Councillor Martin Trevett was nominated and appointed as Chairman.
- 2) **Apologies for Absence**
 There were no apologies.
- 3) **Declaration of Interests**
 There were no declarations of interest.
- 4) **Draft Protocol**
 The Draft Protocol was agreed, subject to the changes shown in the attached document.
- 5) **Outcome of the consultation on the community governance review (CGR) terms of reference**

The following was noted:

- Information received by the Working Party should be balanced and not biased in any way.
- Meetings of the Working Party not to be held during purdah. However following Regulatory Services Committee meeting on 2 March 2016, publicity can start on the draft proposals, with more active consultation taking place after the May 2016 elections are over.
- Local Area Forums can be used to consult with residents.

Agreed actions:

- After Regulatory Services Committee on 2 March, if agreed, ToR to be published and publicity to start on the draft proposals.
- CGR section of website to be kept updated. Information also to go in Three Rivers Times.

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- FAQ – information on precept to be added, and amendments as attached (*to follow*).
- ‘Misconceptions’ section to be added to FAQ, including information on CIL.
- General agreement at this stage to work towards a referendum. Approximate costs to be provided.
- Information to be provided at next meeting on application for New Burdens Community Governance Review Fund.
- Next meeting – Four Wards Campaign to be invited to give a presentation during the first part of the meeting. Residents’ Associations in affected areas also to be invited to the first part of the meeting (although as observers only at this stage).

6) Next steps and date of next meeting

Monday 8 February 2016, 6pm, Penn Chamber

Monday 22 February 2016, 6pm, Penn Chamber