

Action Downham Strategy Group – record of meeting 02.12.19

Present – Cllrs Daymond, Bulley, Pickering, Shippey, Westrop

Chair – Cllr Woodmin

Notes: Elaine Oliver

<p><u>Statement of Purpose</u> “Breaking down barriers and celebrating difference, developing a more neighbourly community through events and public consultation</p>
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	<p>Apologies Cllrs Lightfoot</p>	
1.	<p>To receive any declarations of interest No declarations were received.</p>	
2	<p>To discuss strategy and Consultation working parties Cllr Woodmin explained that discussion has been had about the two sides of this group merging into one group for the time being. Cllr Pickering felt that we needed a strategy to know how to consult. As we have been informed that questionnaires are not the most effective way to consult, we need to look at ways to involve people who perhaps otherwise would not be involved. Cllr Molyneux-Hetherington felt the priorities were</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What do we want to know? 2. How do we go about this? 3. Then put a strategy into operation. <p>The idea is that this group would form a strategy to be fed into a bigger corporate strategy/business plan for the Council. Any data received from consulting would modify AD’s decisions. Cllr Pickering stated that the object of AD was about the future of Downham Market and how to develop the community.</p> <p>Cllr Westrop had provided the meeting with basic facts about what Downham Market looks like not but not necessarily what it wants. Events are a way of communicating with the community. After much discussion it was agreed that the NP public consultation could be a springboard for future consultation. From that professionally run consultation we would get ideas that would not fit into our Neighbourhood Plan, but a wish list of the community “wants” could be created which this group could work on. Items such as youth employment and affordable housing would be covered by the Neighbourhood Plan. After the consultation the data would show which groups are being missed from Town Councils consultation. It was agreed we would obtain a list of the headings that will be used in the Public Consultation and bring this to the next meeting so that we can feed into the questions set for the 1st neighbourhood planning public consultation.</p>	<p>EO Abzag to supply headings to be used for NP consultation.</p>

	<p>It was also agreed that everyone will feed into the office (Tina) groups that they feel need to be included. Tina will then collate this and distribute it to the AD committee.</p> <p>Some groups that were identified were Youth Advisory Board, home education groups, U3A, commuter group</p> <p>A personal approach might be the answer to involve people.</p> <p>It was thought that we are not always good at advertising what we are doing, and we need to think of ways to do this more effectively.</p>	<p>All committee members</p> <p>To feedback to Tina any groups that need to be consulted.</p> <p>TG</p> <p>Compile the list and distribute</p>
3.	<p>To receive updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VE Day <p>Notes attached, main points and ideas for the event as follows: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's tea party • 1940s singing and dancing in the Town Hall • Peace parade • Lighting the beacon • Schools competition to design a poster • Raising the flag with ceremony • Military vehicles on clock square • Celebratory gifts for the children • Firming up ideas an attendee numbers before deciding on the budget <p>St Winnolds</p> <p>Notes to be provided, main points as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civic parade much the same • Hold it on Saturday • Heritage display to put the event in context • Have live animals and a mediaeval market style event • Minstrels/street entertainers and medieval music <p>Music Festival</p> <p>Notes will be distributed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group has met and looked at marketing • Appeal to a wider audience <p>Cllr Bulley asked if there is any money left over from the music festival, would it go into the council coffers and be ring fenced.</p> <p>Cllr Pickering stated if there is any money left over it would go into the Town Council funds. He stated that at the end of the year a budget will be formed for the next year and anything left can form part of this budget.</p> <p>Local Heroes working parties</p> <p>Report attached, main points as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awards night 31 May 2020 • Priority to find sponsors • The nomination process and timeline has been decided. • Next meet on 4 December 2020 	

	The meeting was informed that the Christmas lights wash up will be on Tuesday 3 December at 10.00	
4	<p>Update on Chinese New Year and replacement for Water Festival The Chinese New Year event has been booked for 20 January 2020. There will be a workshop and a lion dance. At present 2 schools have said they will attend with around 90 children. It was reported that help will be required to help with the workshop activities.</p> <p>Replacement for Water Festival It was reported that the Water Festival date had been held to put on another activity. (9 August 2020) Tina has been investigating a colour run but it was generally thought that a colour run would not be a good idea. After much discussion it was thought that a community pride picnic would be a good idea to be held at the Howdale or the JCC Cllr Westrop will speak to Pride and see if they would be willing to help us deliver it.</p>	<p>JW to speak to Pride</p> <p>Ask BCKLWN if we could hold the event at the Howdale.</p>
5	To agree the date of the next meeting – 6 .1.20 at 5.30pm	