

HART'S GARDEN COMMUNITY THEMATIC GROUP - FUTURE PROOFING MINUTES



DATE OF MEETING: 27 JANUARY 2021

I. ATTENDEES AND ABSENCES

In attendance:

Officers: Patricia Hughes (PH)
Christine Tetlow (CT)
Jen Kennedy (JK)
Noel Armstrong (NA)

Apologies: Cllr Graham Cockarill, Cabinet Member for Place
Peter Summersell, Waste & Recycling Officer, Hart District Council

Stakeholders: Tristram Cary (TC), Rural Hart Association
James Maw (JM), Adviser Employment & Skills, Hampshire County Council
Glyn Lloyd (GL), Commercialisation and Asset Manager, Hart District Council
Harriet Hunt (HH), Economic Development Officer, Hart District Council
Karen Morris (KM), Farnborough College of Technology
Candy Burnyeat (CB), Whitewater Valley Preservation Society
Gemma Watts (GW), Strategy & Development Officer, Hart District Council

2. WELCOME

In his absence, a short video from Cllr Graham Cockarill was played to welcome the group.

3. SHORT RECAP ON THE GARDEN COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY

The Officers provided an overview of MHCLG Garden Community program and the opportunity to investigate a new garden community in Shapley Heath:

- **Overview of Timeline** - The Officers provided an overview of the project phases, estimated dates, timeframes, and tasks.
- **The Prospectus** - The Officers provided an overview of the documents in the prospectus and what each of those key outputs will include.
- **Stakeholder Forum Involvement** - The Officers provided an overview of each Thematic Group and what documents within the prospectus they should

give focus to. It was highlighted however, that groups will touch on most of the prospectus documents at some point.

- **Baseline Surveys and Strategy Reports** - The Officers advised that baseline surveys and strategy reports will provide the evidence to the prospectus.
- **The Art of the Possible** - 'What makes an exemplar community for you?'. As this opportunity is not in the planning system, there is freedom to look at things holistically and comprehensively in a way not often seen when exploring new settlements.

4. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Officers provided an overview of the Core Functions, Roles and Responsibilities and Chairship of the Thematic Group.

5. CHAIR ELECTION

The Officers invited stakeholders to put themselves forward for the Chairship.

Candy Burnyeat (Whitewater Valley Preservation Society) had confirmed interest ahead of the meeting. No one nominate themselves to also stand for Chair. Candy expressed why she wanted to be Chair and what she could bring to the role.

Candy Burnyeat, as the only candidate, assumed position to chair the Future Proofing thematic group.

6. STEERING GROUP NOMINATION AND ELECTION

The Officers invited stakeholders to put themselves forward for the Steering Group.

Candy Burnyeat (Whitewater Valley Preservation Society) and Tristram Cary (Rural Hart Association) nominate themselves to sit on the Steering Group.

The two nominees expressed why they wanted to sit on the Steering Group and what they could bring to the role.

Candy Burnyeat and Tristram Cary, as the only candidates, assumed positions to represent the Future Proofing thematic group on the Steering Group.

7. VISION & OBJECTIVES – COMMUNITY SURVEY

The Officers introduced the Community Survey, which will provide an evidence base to inform the vision and objectives for the project. The MHCLG Garden Community Principles were outlined and clarity was provided as to those principles that this thematic group would focus on for the purposes of the Community Survey questions.

Several draft questions regarding 'Legacy and Stewardship Arrangements' and 'Future Proofed' were tabled to the group for initial thoughts.

- TC commented on gaps between the new community and existing communities in Hart
- PH commented on the existing gaps between villages/towns within Hart
- JM commented on the need for flexible buildings and energy infrastructure
- JM commented on the response of local industries (not just construction), using local skills, and identifying skills gaps and the need for new jobs in the area
- PH highlighted the need for an 'other' box, to capture the knowledge and expertise within the district

The Officers agreed to set up a document library and collaboration channel (like Teams, for example) to allow knowledge sharing.

Members of the group were given **seven days** to provide feedback to the Garden Community Project Team.

8. NEXT STEPS AND CLOSING

The Officers ask the group to think about the evidence base to be collected in Phase One of this project, including the opportunity for guest speakers. Details of the next meeting will be provided shortly.