

PENISTONE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Development and Regeneration Committee held on January 22nd 2014 in the Resource Centre at 7.0 pm

PRESENT: Cllrs. Millner, (in the Chair) Barron, Cutts, Mrs. Rusby, Starling, Unsworth and Webber.

Also present: The Town Clerk, K. Coulton, Steven Green and Sam Green (Yorkshire Land)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr. Mrs. Webber

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

The **Chair** invited interests from members to which there were **NONE**

3. LAIRDS WAY - PRESENTATION OF CONSIDERED PROPOSALS FROM YORKSHIRE LAND

Steven Green from Yorkshire Land introduced himself and tabled drawings of the "Penistone Transport Hub" which he considered would regenerate the area of land adjacent to the railway station. The ideas included an interchange a tourist information building, toilets, business starter units, car parking, a museum and the provision of either a footbridge or subway. He was also interested in the purchase of the adjacent land which was the subject of an appeal as the present owner wished this to be developed into residential.

He also commented on the Town Councils community led plan and as a developer had taken note of the very constructive document and referred to it as part of the presentation.

He also was keen to purchase the facade and coat of arms from the soon to be demolished Fulford building and incorporate it in the gateway.

Mr. Green was asked several questions on his ideas prior to being thanked for his attendance and informative presentation.

Town Clerks Note

The Town Clerk had expressed his concern regarding members meeting developers to Cllr. Millner when the suggestion of a meeting was mooted, the advice given by the Town Clerk at the time was although the meeting was not illegal, it was not in the interest of best practice for this to happen as it is elected members who give decisions over planning applications and as such may affect impartiality should an application be pending or submitted.

However as this meeting was only a presentation of proposals with no plans submitted at the present time and non- committal, the presentation could not be deemed as contentious, prejudicial or disintegrative and for clarification the Town Clerk had sought the advice of a senior planning officer at Barnsley M.B.C. who confirmed that the advice given to Cllr. Millner had been correct.

4. BRIDGE STREET DEVELOPMENT PHASE 2

Cllr. Millner stated that the development would be completed in April and out of the seven mixed business units on the ground floor, six have been let. The upper floor will consist of managed office space.

Signed..........Mayor 17/02/14

5. COMMUNITY LED PLAN

Cllr. Webber asked if a meeting could be arranged with the volunteers and he reiterated his comments and disappointment that little response or comments had been received.

Cllr. Starling suggested inviting officers from the Ward Alliance as it is leading on the plan as Barnsley M.B.C. is apprehensive in adopting the plan as it is unhappy with the affordable housing aspect content.

6. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.

To be confirmed

Signed..........Mayor 17/02/14